



# 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

## PL JOHN BRICEÑO & PARTY FUTURE FOCUSED



“...the strength of the PUP has always come from you – from the faithful who organize, who mobilize, and who defend our principles.”  
**Party Leader PM Briceño at NPC 15-2-2026**



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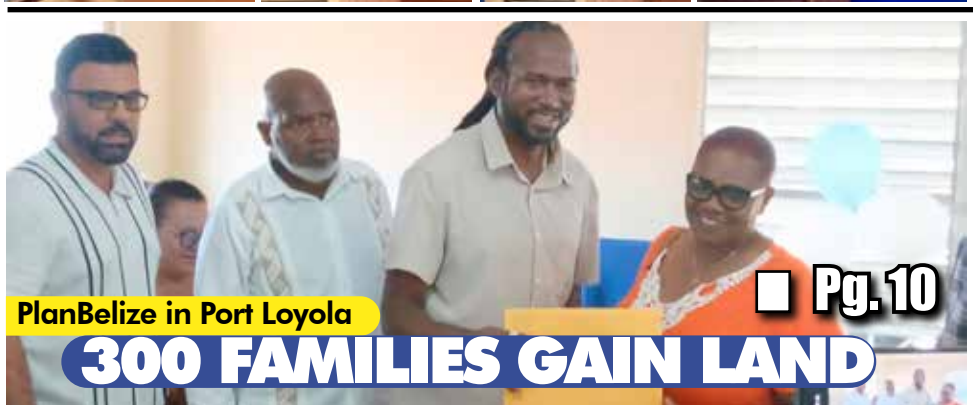


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## Cabinet Brief

**Belmopan, February 18, 2026**

**The Cabinet met on 17th February 2026.**

- Cabinet gave its endorsement to the updated National Water Resources Management Policy, Strategy, and Action Plan for 2024-2034, which provides a comprehensive roadmap for managing the nation's freshwater resources in a coordinated, evidence-based, and financially sustainable manner. Cabinet has directed all ministries and statutory bodies with water-related functions to align their policies and plans with the Policy and to collaborate through the Belize Water Advisory Council.
- Cabinet gave its endorsement of a loan for a project to build a wastewater collection and treatment system in Caye Caulker to improve services provided by Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL). Cabinet also agreed to seek the approval of the House of Representatives to enter into a sovereign-guarantee agreement for the sum of US\$10m from IDB to be lent to BWSL.
- Cabinet was advised by the Minister of Health & Wellness of 2 confirmed cases of tuberculosis (TB). The patients have been given appropriate anti-tuberculosis treatment and are responding well. The Ministry continues to monitor the situation closely and remains committed to protecting the health and well-being of all students and the wider community.
- Finally, Cabinet encourages all Belizeans to stay healthy through regular exercise and outdoor activities.

**Ends**

## Cabinet Brief

**Belmopan, February 13, 2026**

**The Cabinet met on 10th February, 2026.**

- Cabinet gave its approval to bring the Legal Aid Act, No. 15 of 2023, into force and to establish the Legal Aid Commission in the new fiscal year. In so doing, Government seeks to make legal aid readily available to certified persons of small or moderate economic means, while enabling the cost of providing legal aid to be defrayed by the National Assembly.
- Cabinet approved the Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy for the Public Service. The Policy includes the scope of application, definition of sexual harassment in the workplace, a complaints mechanism and internal resolution process, disciplinary action, and other relevant considerations. This reflects the Government's commitment to the implementation of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 2024.
- Cabinet was apprised of and approved a project by the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics, along with the IDB, to implement the Least Cost Rural Electrification Plan designed to identify and prioritize cost-effective electrification in rural communities. This plan will include grid extension, renewable based mini-grids, and standalone systems to ensure optimal investments. It will address the remaining electrification gaps while supporting #PlanBelize's commitment to the national development priorities to improve rural living through universal access to electricity.
- Cabinet gave its approval for the Belize Postal Service to charge an additional one-dollar fee to customers who ship packages to the United States of America. This has become necessary because of an Executive Order signed by the President of the United States of America in July of 2025, whereby all dutiable international postal items containing goods entering the United States are now taxed. Prior to this Executive Order, goods entering the US were duty-free up to US\$800.
- Upon receiving information regarding the current status of sand and gravel extraction along the North Stann Creek River, the Cabinet has determined that a cautious and regulated approach is necessary. Consequently, the Cabinet has decided not to issue permits for any newly proposed extraction sites along the North Stann Creek River in 2026. The Cabinet also recommended that, for the second quarter of 2026, a technical reassessment of identified bars should be conducted to determine eligibility and extraction limits.
- Finally, Cabinet encourages all Belizeans to get vaccinated against the flu virus.

**Ends**

# 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

*"Our Party, the People's United Party is not simply celebrating a great history, we are declaring our direction. We are future-focused," PM John Briceño presenting on his tenth anniversary as PUP leader at February 15th NPC.*

On Sunday, February 15, 2026, a wave of Blue-Tide from across the six districts in Belize rolled into Belmopan. It took over the Belmopan Comprehensive School (BCS) for the People's United Party (PUP) National Party Council (NPC) Meeting. This was the same venue as the January 31, 2016 leadership election convention that led to John Briceño being elected party leader. As per the PUP Secretariat: the NPC is the second-highest decision-making body of the party, serving *"as a vital platform to unify the party's base, to assess the current political landscape, and to adopt progressive resolutions aimed at advancing the development and prosperity of Belize."*

The NPC also served as a moment for reflection, celebration, and renewed commitment to the party's leadership of Hon John Briceño on his tenth anniversary and the continued celebration of the PUP's 75th anniversary. Over 1,500 delegates, standard-bearers, elected municipal and village councils and grassroots supporters from across Belize gathered for the momentous occasion.

In his welcome remarks, Hon Oscar Mira, Area Representative for the Belmopan constituency and Minister of Home Affairs and Enterprise noted that *"Leadership is tested not in moments of comfort, but in seasons of uncertainty. Over the past decade, our Party Leader demonstrated the courage to rebuild, the patience to unify, and the foresight to prepare our movement for the future. Because of that leadership, our party did not simply endure; we advanced."*

Mira considered the occasion symbolic, reflecting that John Briceño's leadership journey began ten years ago after winning a hotly contested National Party Convention at the very same venue, the Belmopan Comprehensive School. Subsequently, on being voted as the PUP's new party leader, John Briceño declared, *"Sunday, January 31st was a victorious and historical day for the people of Belize. We now move forward as one Belizean entity; one Belizean family! We now walk together on the journey to rebuild Belize, not for our sake but for the sake of our future. Everyone of you will be needed in this arduous task. Together, we will fulfil our dreams and rebuild Belize!"* Briceño's slogan for the 2016 convention was *"Ready to lead, ready to win."*

As the NPC keynote speaker, Briceño encapsulated the history of the Great Blue Party, the People's United Party, recognizing the party's first generation of leaders, singling out the Leader Emeritus and Father of the Nation, George Cadle Price, who organized the PUP around a powerful idea: that Belizeans deserved dignity, opportunity, and a voice in shaping their destiny. Importantly, the history of the PUP is one of liberation, and nation-building and it was the PUP that fought the colonialist regime for Self-Government and, thereafter, the Independence of Belize in 1981.

However, the transition of leadership in 2016 to John Briceño and his aspiration to fulfil the dreams of Belizeans and rebuild Belize were not fully realised until the landslide victory in the General Elections in 2020, when the electorate gave the PUP a super-majority mandate. During the decade of leadership and standing at the tenth anniversary marker, John Briceño has guided the party through tumultuous times, as pronounced in the resolution reaffirming his leadership, *"through the wilderness of the opposition with discipline and dignity."*

As stated to the delegates and party supporters at the NPC Briceño said *"For sure these have been extraordinary times in our party, in our nation, and in the world".* Briceño cited the challenges of *"Global disruption, economic uncertainty, climate threats, and social and political upheavals, a pandemic, the UDP plundering of our*



*country",* which required resilience and steady hands, to stabilize the economy, restore confidence, and set Belize back on track. Consequently, John Briceño's leadership was cemented for a second term when the masses bestowed their confidence at the polls in the 2025 General Elections on March 12th. His leadership is aligned with the PUP's agenda of putting people first and following the commitments under Plan-Belize 1.0 and 2.0.

Prime Minister, John Briceño's resolute leadership have *"Successfully stewarded Belize through unprecedented global challenges, anchored macroeconomic stability, expanded access to healthcare, education, and advanced a transformative agenda for climate resilience and sustainable development on the world stage."* Additionally, PM Briceño and the Government of Belize *"have delivered transformative results for the Belizean people: the implementation of the fair housing policies and access to land to ordinary Belizeans, the restoration of fiscal discipline, the defence of our sovereignty, and the placement of Belize as a respected voice among the family of nations."* Statements that were submitted in the resolution and adopted unanimously by the National Party Council's consent on the 15th February 2026.

In a scintillating conclusion, the PM said: *"My friends, history has shown that when the PUP leads with vision and compassion, Belize advances. Today let us recommit ourselves to that mission. Let us carry forward the dreams started by those who were the architects of our peaceful, constructive, progressive revolution. Let us not stand still but move boldly towards tomorrow."* *"...We are future focused"*. (See PM's full speech on Page 7)

**By Hilly Bennett**

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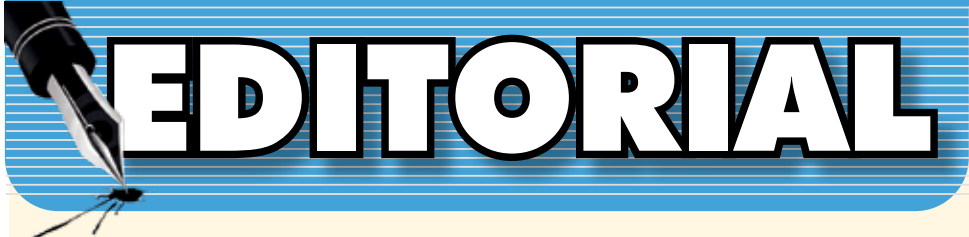
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# EDITORIAL

## POLITICALLY RIZZ

**T**his past Sunday, all roads led delegates and supporters to the nation's capital city to the People's United Party's National Party Council. The numerology surrounding this date is as compelling as its call for celebratory gravitas. In September of 1950, the PUP's cogwheels began to churn in elaborate motion that seventy-five years later has assembled a Party powered by the heartbeat of 'Serve the People'. In September of 1981, the crescendo of Belize's existential struggle initiated the rise of an Independent nation of resilient Belizeans who, for 45 years, nurtured, cultivated, and shaped Belize's destiny toward progress. Ten years ago, at the same venue as this NPC, the PUP set its democratic cogwheels in motion for a PUP leadership election by the people of Belize. The result, Party Leader John Briceño, whose legacy of a dynamic planBelize and planBelize 2.0 is just in the midst of efficient execution. For five and a half years now, a united PUP leadership team's service to the people has been steadfastly guided by this world-renowned manifesto since November 2020. Today, the cogwheels of the PUP undeniably turn with the political rizz contained in the persona of its leader extraordinaire, John Briceño.

The aura of Prime Minister John Briceño's charisma shines even more brightly when he is among the Belizean people. No Belizean is ordinary, nor average, nor little in PM Briceño's daily life. Everyone is special and deserving of being listened to and taken into account—including the hacking UDP and their media followers. There is not an iota of posturing in PM Briceño's walking the streets of his dear Orange Walk Central or any other constituency. All Area Representatives candidates, bar none, crave John Briceño's time to walk in tandem in their constituency, during or out of election time. This was what the PUP voted for in 2016, and the majority's choice did not disappoint. Hon. Fonseca and Hon. Hyde are influential figures in the John Briceño administration today. PM would say all are influential, as he listens to all during cabinet decision-making, where consensus reigns. Keeping everyone happy is most difficult in any setting, but this is the *modus operandi* of Belize's current Prime Minister.

Being opposition is not PM Briceño's nor the PUP's calling, but it had to be done. So after January 2016, John Briceño began placing the pieces that would render the PUP a political victory. Exposing the corrupt UDP on the Boledo, Sanctuary Bay, UDP Visa/Passport Hustle and Senate Select Committee hearings, Gaspar Vega Land Compensation Scandal, Lev Dermen/John Saldívar Tranches exposed in 2020, Ministry of Health Mismanagement, UDP Pre-Election Firesales, UDP Infrastructure Contract Corruption, UDP's BTL ceased advertising with Kremandala Ltd., Forced Removal of Opposition Member from a Sitting of the House are politically necessary. The UDP were self-destructive, but that was not enough. The Party Leader's charisma was poised for a grander political arena.

A nationwide needs assessment was carried out based on George Price's dogma, Service, Social Justice, and the Bill of Rights (Access to Education, Health, Jobs, Land, Housing), which formed about 17 working committees whose initial draft work was completed in 2019. John Briceño and BLU were crafting a plan that would itemise the broad problems with solutions. PlanBelize was to be the centre of the John Briceño and team's political pitch as they offered themselves, irrespective of the failing, incompetent UDP. History has documented how the coronavirus exposed the corrupt and incompetent UDP. In the face of this existential threat, the PL Briceño was asked by the UDP to help lead the anti-COVID campaign, and he accepted.

The leader of the PUP was ready to win and lead, the manifesto was ready, and the team was chomping at the bit to lead Belize away from the dark and infamous UDP-13 years. Arguably, since 2018, the people of Belize have not looked back, and planBelize has seamlessly become culturally and politically ingrained into Belizean governance. This has yielded macroeconomic success, including the Blue Bond, regional-leading GDP growth, IFI confidence in Belize, New Banknotes, the BPO Boom, record Foreign Direct Investment, the Rise of the MSME, Government pro-MSME policy, and Tourism-Agricultural-Infrastructure development. PlanBelize and its 2.0 successor have created unprecedented job availability together with low unemployment, countrywide National Health Insurance, Free Public Hospitals, Starter homes for Single Parents, Land for first time Land Owners, Infrastructure with value for money, Digitalization of Government Services bit by bit, Boledo for the Health and Sports, Higher minimum wage, higher Income Tax threshold, Collateral Registry for Moveable Assets, and more.

Post-2020, fake news and manufactured news have been the only opposition to the PUP and its 'Serve the People' motto. The PUP has had to govern with an opposition whose sole strategy is to slander any development of Belize. Progress relegates the incompetent and violent UDP to perpetual opposition. Belize's mature and savvy electorate has suffered the translucent corruption within the UDP narrative and has worked with the transparent PUP. This transparency, along with accountability, comes from leader John Briceño, who has a heart and an ear for everyone. He will listen to all before making decisions. Pleasing everyone all the time is John Briceño's goal. Ultimately, the drive to rid Belize of poverty is PM Briceño's core reason to be a leader. As year 11 and beyond continue adding to the annals of PUP history and Briceño's legacy, more Belizeans will win. With the politically rizz, soon to be named, Right Honourable John Briceño, seguimos muy bien.

*en Español*

## RIZZ POLÍTICO

**E**l domingo pasado, todos los caminos llevaron a los delegados y simpatizantes a la capital del país, al Consejo Nacional del Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP). La numerología que rodea esta fecha es tan convincente como su llamamiento a la solemnidad festiva. En septiembre de 1950, las ruedas dentadas del PUP comenzaron a girar en un movimiento elaborado que, setenta y cinco años después, ha dado lugar a un partido impulsado por el lema «Servir al pueblo». En septiembre de 1981, el crescendo de la lucha existencial de Belice marcó el auge de una nación independiente de beliceños resilientes que, durante 45 años, nutrieron, cultivaron y moldearon el destino de Belice hacia el progreso. Hace diez años, en el mismo lugar donde se reúne este Consejo Nacional del Partido, el PUP puso en marcha sus mecanismos democráticos para la elección de sus líderes por el pueblo de Belice. El resultado fue el líder del partido, John Briceño, cuyo legado de un plan dinámico, Plan Belice y Plan Belice 2.0, se encuentra en plena ejecución eficiente. Desde hace cinco años y medio, el servicio al pueblo de un equipo de liderazgo unido del PUP se ha guiado firmemente por este manifiesto de renombre mundial desde noviembre de 2020. Hoy en día, los engranajes del PUP giran, sin lugar a dudas, con el dinamismo político que encarna la extraordinaria personalidad de su líder, John Briceño.

El carisma del primer ministro John Briceño brilla aun más cuando está entre el pueblo beliceño. Ningún beliceño es ordinario, ni mediocre, ni insignificante en la vida cotidiana del primer ministro Briceño. Todos son especiales y merecen ser escuchados y tenidos en cuenta, incluidos el UDP y sus seguidores en los medios de comunicación. No hay ni una pizca de pose en el primer ministro Briceño cuando recorre las calles de su querida Orange Walk Central ni de cualquier otra circunscripción. Todos los candidatos a representantes de área, sin excepción, ansían que John Briceño les dedique tiempo para recorrer juntos su circunscripción, tanto en época de elecciones como fuera de ella. Esto fue lo que votó el PUP en 2016 y la elección de la mayoría no decepcionó. El Honorable Fonseca y el Honorable Hyde son figuras influyentes en la actual administración de John Briceño. El primer ministro diría que todos son influyentes, ya que escucha a todos en la toma de decisiones del gabinete, donde reina el consenso. Mantener a todos contentos es muy difícil en cualquier contexto, pero este es el *modus operandi* del actual primer ministro de Belice.

Ser oposición no es la vocación del primer ministro Briceño ni del PUP, pero había que hacerlo. Así que después de enero de 2016, John Briceño comenzó a colocar las piezas que le darían al PUP la victoria política. La exposición de la corrupción del UDP en Boledo, Sanctuary Bay, el fraude de visados y pasaportes del UDP y las audiencias del Comité Selecto del Senado, el escándalo de la indemnización por tierras de Gaspar Vega, los tramos de Lev Dermen/John Saldívar expuestos en 2020, la mala gestión del Ministerio de Salud, las ventas urgentes preelectorales del UDP, la corrupción en los contratos de infraestructura del UDP, el cese de la publicidad del BTL del UDP con Kremandala Ltd., la expulsión forzosa de un miembro de la oposición de una sesión de la Cámara fueron políticamente necesarios. El UDP fue autodestructivo, pero eso no fue suficiente. El carisma del líder del partido estaba preparado para un escenario político más grandioso.

Se llevó a cabo una evaluación de las necesidades a nivel nacional, basada en el dogma de George Price, el servicio, la justicia social y la Carta de Derechos (acceso a la educación, la salud, el empleo, la tierra y la vivienda), que dio lugar a la creación de unos 17 comités de trabajo, cuyo borrador inicial se completó en 2019. John Briceño y BLU estaban elaborando un plan que detallaría los problemas generales y sus soluciones. PlanBelize iba a ser el centro del discurso político de John Briceño y su equipo, que se ofrecían a sí mismos, independientemente del fracasado e incompetente UDP. La historia ha documentado cómo el coronavirus puso al descubierto la corrupción y la incompetencia del UDP. Ante esta amenaza existencial, el UDP pidió a Briceño, líder del Partido, que ayudara a dirigir la campaña contra la COVID y él aceptó.

El líder del PUP estaba listo para ganar y liderar; el manifiesto estaba listo y el equipo estaba ansioso por sacar a Belice de los oscuros e infames 13 años del UDP. Podría decirse que desde 2018 el pueblo de Belice no ha mirado atrás y que PlanBelize se ha integrado perfectamente, tanto culturalmente como políticamente, en la gobernanza beliceña. Esto ha dado lugar a un éxito macroeconómico, que incluye el Blue Bond, un crecimiento del PIB líder en la región, la confianza de las IFI en Belice, nuevos billetes, el auge de la externalización de procesos empresariales, una inversión extranjera directa récord, el auge de las micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas, la política gubernamental a favor de las micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas y el desarrollo del turismo, la agricultura y las infraestructuras. PlanBelize y su sucesor 2.0 han creado una disponibilidad de empleo sin precedentes, junto con un bajo nivel de desempleo, un seguro nacional de salud en todo el país, hospitales públicos gratuitos, viviendas para familias monoparentales, tierras para nuevos propietarios, infraestructuras con una buena relación calidad-precio, la digitalización gradual de los servicios gubernamentales, el Boledo para la salud y los deportes, un salario mínimo más alto, un umbral de impuesto sobre la renta más alto, un registro de garantías para bienes muebles y mucho más.

Después de 2020, las noticias falsas y las noticias fabricadas han sido la única oposición al PUP y su lema «Servir al pueblo». El PUP ha tenido que gobernar con una oposición cuya única estrategia es difamar cualquier desarrollo en Belice. El progreso relega al incompetente y violento UDP a la oposición perpetua. El electorado maduro y perspicaz de Belice ha sufrido la corrupción transparente en la narrativa del UDP y ha trabajado con el PUP transparente. Esta transparencia, junto con la rendición de cuentas, proviene del líder John Briceño, que tiene corazón y oído para todos. Escucha a todos antes de tomar decisiones. El objetivo de John Briceño es complacer a todos en todo momento. En última instancia, el impulso para librar a Belice de la pobreza es la razón fundamental por la que el primer ministro Briceño es líder. A medida que el año 11 y los siguientes sigan sumándose a los anales de la historia del PUP y al legado de Briceño, más beliceños saldrán ganando. Con el político Rizz, que pronto será nombrado, el Muy Honorable John Briceño, seguimos muy bien.



PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY  
NATIONAL PARTY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 2026-01

PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2025  
BELMOPAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL  
READ BY CORETTA BANNER, CITY COUNCILLOR

Commendation, Unwavering Support and Renewed Endorsement of the Honourable John Briceño, Party Leader and Prime Minister of Belize, on the occasion of His Tenth Anniversary as Leader of the People's United Party

-WHEREAS on the 31st day of January 2016, the National Convention of the People's United Party elected the Honourable John Briceño as Leader of the Party, entrusting him with the sacred duty of advancing the vision of national unity, social justice, economic empowerment and prosperity first charted by our founding father, the Right Honourable George Price;

-WHEREAS this year, under the leadership of Honourable John Briceño, we mark a decade defined by steadfast resolve, visionary leadership, and an abiding commitment to the welfare of all Belizeans. Honourable John Briceño has demonstrated, across a decade of leadership, that he is not merely a political leader but a servant leader—accessible, humble, and guided always by the principle that the Party exists for the people;

-WHEREAS these ten years have witnessed the Honourable Leader guide this Party with discipline and dignity, and thereafter lead us to a historic victory in the 2020 General Election, returning the People's United Party to the helm of the Belizean nation and was subsequently returned to office with an increased mandate in the 2025 General Election, affirming the confidence of the Belizean people in his leadership and the PUP's agenda of putting people first and following the commitments under PlanBelize 1.0 and 2.0;

-WHEREAS during his tenure as Prime Minister, the Briceño administration has successfully stewarded Belize through unprecedented global challenges, anchored macroeconomic stability, expanded access to healthcare, education, and advanced a transformative agenda for climate resilience and sustainable development on the world stage;

-WHEREAS under his stewardship as Prime Minister, the Government of Belize has delivered transformative results for the Belizean people: the implementation of fair housing policies and the access to land to ordinary Belizeans, the restoration of fiscal discipline, the defence of our sovereignty, and the placement of Belize as a respected voice among the family of nations;

-WHEREAS the Honourable Leader has not only commanded respect domestically but has elevated Belize's standing



internationally, serving with distinction as temporary President of SICA on several occasions and Chairman of CARICOM, President and subsequently Vice President of the SIDS DOCK Assembly and championing the cause of Small Island Developing States with persuasiveness and moral clarity;

-WHEREAS this tenth anniversary is not merely a milestone of tenure, but a testament to Honourable Briceño's personal sacrifice, humility, and tireless dedication to the Party and the nation he serves;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Party Council, assembled in regular session this 15th day of February 2026, does hereby:**

1. EXPRESS profound gratitude and deep appreciation to the Honourable John Briceño for ten years of exemplary service as Party Leader;

2. REAFFIRM our full and unqualified confidence in his continued leadership of the People's United Party and the Government of Belize;

3. COMMEND his principled leadership, his accessibility to the grassroots membership, and his ability to unite our Party around the shared values of integrity, inclusion, and progress;

4. PLEDGE the collective resolve of all officers, standard-bearers, and members of the People's United Party to support the Leader and the Prime Minister in the execution of his mandate for the remainder of this term and beyond;

5. DIRECT the Party Secretariat to transmit a formal copy of this resolution to the Honourable John Briceño, and to cause this resolution to be published in the official records of the National Party Council and in the Party media organs.

**ADOPTED this day, 15th February 2026, by the unanimous consent of the National Party Council.**

PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY  
NATIONAL PARTY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 2026-02

PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2025  
BELMOPAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL  
READ BY HIPOLITA MEDINA, CAREER TEACHER

Endorsement of the Pause in BTL-Speednet/Smart Acquisition Talks and Full Support for the Public Utilities Commission to Fulfil Its Regulatory Mandate with Widespread Public Consultation

-WHEREAS the People's United Party has always stood firmly for transparent governance, the rule of law, a deepening and participatory democracy and the protection of Belizean consumers from unchecked concentrations of economic power;

-WHEREAS on the 6th day of February 2026, the Minister of Public Utilities, the Honourable Michel Chebat, announced in the House of Representatives a pause in discussions related to the proposed acquisition of Speednet/SMART by Belize Telemedia Limited;

-WHEREAS the Prime Minister, the Honourable John Briceño, has clearly articulated that this pause is necessary because the process had placed "the cart ahead of the horse," and that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) must now be brought in to exercise its lawful authority to review the proposed transaction, assess its compatibility with the public interest, and determine whether it satisfies the requirements of the Telecommunications Act ;

-WHEREAS the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry has publicly welcomed the Government's decision to pause the talks, stating that "significant legislative and regulatory questions must be addressed before any consolidation can proceed—particularly given that Belize currently lacks modern competition and merger control laws," and has further urged the PUC to conduct independent valuation and full public scrutiny ;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Party Council, assembled in regular session this 15 February 2026, does hereby:**

1. COMMEND the Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Utilities for their decisive action, demonstrating that this administration listens to the Belizean people;

2. AFFIRM the National Party Council's full support for the Public Utilities Commission to carry out its statutory responsibilities without



interference, delay, or diminution of its authority, and to conduct a thorough, evidence-based, and independent review of any formal application submitted;

3. ENDORSE the call for widespread, genuine, and meaningful public consultation, ensuring that consumers, businesses, labour, and civil society are afforded the opportunity to be heard;

4. ACKNOWLEDGE the constructive position taken by the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other stakeholders who have engaged in good faith, and commit this Party to ensuring that their concerns regarding independent valuation, legislative reform, and transparency are substantively addressed;

5. REAFFIRM that competition, innovation, and consumer protection are the cornerstones of a healthy telecommunications sector, and that any consolidation must demonstrably serve the Belizean people, not merely the commercial interests of shareholders;

6. DIRECT all Party standard-bearers, area representatives, councillors, and activists to communicate clearly to constituents that this pause represents responsible governance, to dispel misinformation, and to encourage informed participation in the consultation process;

7. INSTRUCT the Party Secretariat to transmit formal copies of this resolution to the Office of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Public Utilities, the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, and the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and to cause this resolution to be published in the Party media organs and entered into the permanent minutes of this Council.

**ADOPTED this 15th day of February 2026, by the unanimous consent of the National Party Council.**



PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY  
NATIONAL PARTY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 2026-03

PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2025  
BELMOPAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL  
READ BY AARON MAI, TOWN COUNCILLOR

Full Endorsement and Commendation of the Historic Final Stage National Rollout of Universal Primary Health Coverage under the National Health Insurance Authority Bill 2026

-WHEREAS the People's United Party, from its founding by the Right Honourable George Price, has held as

sacred the principle that every Belizean, regardless of circumstance, is entitled to a life of dignity, of which affordable and accessible healthcare is an indispensable foundation;

-WHEREAS the National Health Insurance scheme, first piloted in Belize

City twenty-five (25) years ago, has slowly and steadily expanded its reach, presently enrolling approximately 214,000 Belizeans and demonstrating measurable reductions in out-of-pocket expenses and improved health outcomes for

its beneficiaries;

-WHEREAS this Government, under the visionary leadership of Party Leader and Prime Minister Honourable John Briceño, did solemnly pledge in Plan Belize to deliver universal, single-payer healthcare as a right and not a privilege;

-WHEREAS the expedited rollout now underway to San Pedro, Caye Caulker, and the entire Belize District has brought quality primary care services, laboratory services, imaging, and pharmacy access within reach of eighty percent of our national population, with the mixed-model of public, private, and NGO participation serving as the archetype for nationwide implementation

-WHEREAS on the 6th day of February 2026, the Honourable Prime Minister introduced in the House of Representatives the National Health Insurance Authority Bill of 2026, calling it "the single

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# PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY NATIONAL PARTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2026-04

PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2025  
BELMOPAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL  
READ BY ASHLYNN MARTINEZ, 4TH FORM STUDENT  
RESOLUTION ON THE GREENING BELIZE INITIATIVE



mate Change, and Disaster Risk Management, in collaboration with non-government organizations and community partners;

**Be it resolved that:**

The People's United Party reaffirms its commitment to the sustainable development goals outlined in #PlanBelize and reaffirmed in #PlanBelize 2.0 and;

ENDORSE the Government of Belize's commitment to the Greening Belize Initiative as a cornerstone of its environmental policy, ensuring that all efforts are made to plant and nurture one million trees across the nation by the year 2035; and

RESOLVE that the People's United Party fully participate in the Greening Belize Initiative as a key government-led effort and

CALLS upon all PUP members, supporters, and citizens to actively support this initiative by planting a tree in their communities and participating in local reforestation efforts.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February 2026, by the unanimous consent of the National Party Council.

# PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY NATIONAL PARTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2026-03

PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2025  
BELMOPAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL  
READ BY AARON MAI, TOWN COUNCILLOR

*Continued from page 4*

most significant transformation of our nation's health care system in our generation" and affirming this Government's resolve commitment to social justice;

-WHEREAS on the 19th day of February 2026, this Government shall execute contracts with clinics across the Cayo District to extend NHI services to approximately eighty thousand additional Belizeans;

-WHEREAS the Honourable Prime Minister has placed before the nation the compelling testimony of a constituent whose monthly cost for managing hypertension and diabetes has been reduced from six hundred dollars to under fifty dollars per month under NHI—a reduction of more than ninety percent, representing not merely fiscal relief but the restoration of hope;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Party Council, assembled in regular session this February 2026, does hereby:

1. APPLAUD the Honourable Prime Minister, the Minister of Health and Wellness, and all officials of this Government for the introduction and imminent passage of the National Health Insurance Authority Bill 2026;

2. COMMEND the unwavering resolve of the Briceño administration in overcoming the financial limitations and systemic flaws that for 25 years delayed

the realization of universal coverage, and for securing the fiscal space necessary to make this expansion possible;

3. CELEBRATE the signing of contracts on 19th February 2026 as a watershed moment in Belizean history, marking the delivery of affordable, quality healthcare to tens of thousands of Belizean families;

4. REAFFIRM this Party's foundational conviction that healthcare is a fundamental human right and not a commodity to be rationed by capacity to pay;

5. PLEDGE the full support of every standard-bearer, area representative, councillor, and party activist in disseminating accurate information regarding NHI enrolment, assisting constituents in accessing these life-changing services, and defending this transformative programme from those who would deny the Belizean people their rightful inheritance;

6. DIRECT the Party Secretariat to transmit formal copies of this resolution to the Honourable Prime Minister, the Minister of Health and Wellness, and the Chairman of the National Health Insurance Authority, and to cause this resolution to be published in the Party media organs and entered into the permanent minutes of this Council.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February 2026, by the unanimous consent of the National Party Council.



Resilient Bold Belize  
GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project  
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of Finance Assistant under the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems while promoting sustainable livelihoods and strengthening financial and institutional systems for people-centred conservation. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

**Position Summary**

The Finance Assistant will be based in Belize City within the BBFP Unit and will provide financial and administrative support to ensure efficient and compliant project implementation. The position supports budgeting, financial reporting, procurement, contract administration, and audit processes in accordance with WWF (GEF Agency) requirements and Government of Belize financial procedures.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Assist in budget preparation, expenditure monitoring, and financial reporting
- Maintain accurate and auditable financial records
- Validate and process payments in accordance with approved budgets
- Support procurement processes and contract administration
- Prepare financial inputs for donor reporting and Project Progress Reports
- Assist with audits, evaluations, and compliance monitoring
- Provide administrative and logistical support for project activities

**Qualifications and Experience**

- Minimum Associate Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or related field (bachelor's degree is an asset).
- At least three (3) years' experience in financial management, accounting, or budgeting.
- Experience in donor-funded projects, government institutions, or NGOs preferred.
- Demonstrated experience in budget preparation, financial reporting, expenditure monitoring, audit support, procurement, and contract administration.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel and accounting software (e.g., QuickBooks).

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by e-mailing: [rbbpm.bbfunit@opm.gov.bz](mailto:rbbpm.bbfunit@opm.gov.bz) with the subject line "Financial Assistant TOR." Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.

Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, March 6th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the CV and during the interview process.

# VACANCY NOTICE LIBRARIAN

High Court Library - High Court of Belize

Salary/ Pay Scale: Pay Scale 9 - \$16,980 x \$816 - \$32,494

The Senior Courts of Belize invites suitably qualified applicants to fill the post of Librarian, responsible for the effective management of the Supreme Court Library and its holdings.

**Key Duties (Summary):**

- Acquire and maintain law journals, case and textbooks, periodicals, publications and judgments.
- Regulate use of the Library by attorneys-at-law, court prosecutors and paralegals (with support of the Assistant Librarian).
- Maintain catalogue/cardex and inventory systems for all library materials, chattels and equipment.
- Arrange repairs of books and equipment and ensure proper upkeep of the Library.
- Serve as Liaison Officer with the Solicitor General's Office.
- Conduct legal/library research for Judges and approved users, as requested.
- Maintain an up-to-date computer database of all library books and texts.

**Qualifications / Requirements:**

- Library coding and cataloguing skills.
- Computer literacy and ability to maintain library databases.
- Knowledge of legal terminology and strong research capability.
- Excellent public relations and customer-service skills.
- Ability to work efficiently without supervision and work well with others.
- Paralegal Studies would be an asset.
- Minimum five (5) years' experience in a related field.
- Applicants should be 25 years and older.

**How to Apply:**

All applications must be submitted by email and addressed to the following emails:

[DPatterson@registry.gov.bz](mailto:DPatterson@registry.gov.bz) [dpatterson@belizejudiciary.org](mailto:dpatterson@belizejudiciary.org)  
[KBrooks@registry.gov.bz](mailto:KBrooks@registry.gov.bz) [kbrooks@belizejudiciary.org](mailto:kbrooks@belizejudiciary.org)

Deadline for Submission: 28 February 2026

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.



NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS  
ISSUE NUMBER 4/2026

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$90,000,000.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Thursday, 12 March 2026 and will be redeemed on Thursday 11 June 2026.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to [bids@centralbank.org.bz](mailto:bids@centralbank.org.bz) or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 6 March 2026.

The auction in the CSD will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday 12 March 2026.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize  
Account: GLICORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website ([www.centralbank.org.bz](http://www.centralbank.org.bz))

13 February 2026



Request for Quotation (RFQ)  
Supply, Delivery, and Assembly of Pre-fabricated Modular Structures



The Government of Belize has received financing through the Government Strategic Allocation from the Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future and intends to apply a portion of the funds to make eligible payments under the Contract(s) for which this Request for Quotation (RFQ) is issued.

The Blue Bonds and Finance Permanence Unit, on behalf of the Belize Coast Guard and the Belize Fisheries Department, hereby invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified suppliers for the supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of prefabricated modular container structures.

| Lot No. | Agency                      | Brief Description                                                                                                                                              | Quantity        | Delivery & Assembly Location                                      |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lot 1   | Belize Coast Guard          | Supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of prefabricated modular container structures for office and storage use                                                | Three (3) units | Belize Coast Guard Headquarters, 4.5 Miles George Price Highway   |
| Lot 2   | Belize Fisheries Department | Supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of prefabricated modular container structures for office and storage use, including electrical and drainage connections | Two (2) units   | Belize Fisheries Department, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City |

This RFQ is structured into two (2) separate lots, reflecting distinct requirements. **Bidders may submit quotations for one (1) or both lots.**

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of the shopping documents and further information at the following email address [projectmanager.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz](mailto:projectmanager.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz) between Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm local Belize time.

The Contract will be awarded to the bidder whose quotation is determined to be substantially responsive to the RFQ documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost. Quotations must be submitted in a sealed envelope and delivered to the address below no later than **March 6th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. local Belize time:**

Attention: Project Manager  
Blue Bonds and Finance Permanence Unit  
3rd Floor Eleanor Hall Building  
Lake Independence Boulevard  
Belize City, Belize

The sealed envelope must be clearly marked with:

- The title of the RFQ; and
- The Lot number(s) being quoted (Lot 1 – Belize Coast Guard and/or Lot 2 – Belize Fisheries Department).

Failure to clearly indicate the Lot number(s) on the sealed envelope will result in rejection of the quotation. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Electronic submissions are not permitted.





# PUP's National Party Council PARTY LEADER'S ADDRESS PM JOHN BRICEÑO

## *'We Are Future Focused'*

### Belmopan Comprehensive School – February 16, 2026

Good Morning,

It is a blessed Sunday here in our nation's capital, and we give thanks to the Almighty for the blessing of this land and this life.

Members of the National Executive, distinguished delegates, my beloved PUP family.

As the leader of this great Party I stand before you today grateful for the trust you have given to me to lead this great movement. I stand before you today, filled with pride in our past, confident in our present, and, above all, faith in our future. We are seventy-five years strong and growing stronger.

PUP!

Our Party, the People's United Party is not simply celebrating a great history, we are declaring our direction. We are future focused.

Seventy-five years ago, our founders organized out of need. Among that first generation of leaders was a man named George Price who organized our Party around a powerful idea: that Belizeans deserved dignity, opportunity, and a voice in shaping their destiny. I have said it before, and I will never tire of saying that the PUP fought for self-government, for independence, and for institutions that would uplift ordinary people. Our history is one of liberation and of nation building. Because of George Price and all who came before us, we live in a nation and belong to a Party built on courage and conviction.

PUP!

More than anything, Mr. Price wanted to be remembered for his deeds, for what he did, which was work. The greatest tribute we can pay to that generation is not nostalgia. It is action. It is our willingness to adapt, to modernize, and to prepare Belize for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. To be PUP is to believe that progress is always possible, and that leadership must always look ahead. That is why I say to you today that we are future focused.

Over the last decade, I have been privileged to serve as you Party Leader. For sure these have been extraordinary times in our Party, in our nation and in the world. Global disruption, economic uncertainty, climate threats, and social and political upheavals, a pandemic, the UDP plundering of our country, all required resilience and steady hands. Together, we managed to stabilize the economy, restore confidence, and set Belize back on a path of growth.

How did we do it? We did it together.

We expanded access to education and healthcare, strengthened infrastructure nationwide, and modernized government. We enrolled more of our young people in school where they are getting a real education. Our last roll out of NHI is happening as we speak, right here in the Cayo District. We are building and fixing homes, working to address the energy crisis that was created because of 13 years of UDP neglect.

We are making our cities, towns and villages safer and do not let anyone tell you crime is on the rise, it is not. At home Belizeans are doing better, businesses are thriving and more jobs are being created. We have restored confidence here at home and we have restored confidence abroad. But we did not do these things simply to recover. Yes, we did these things to better the lives of everyone, but we also did them to prepare. We are preparing young people for careers in a changing global economy. We are preparing communities with roads, better electricity, digital access, and services that attract



investment. We are preparing our institutions to be more transparent, more accountable, and more responsive to you—the people we serve. Why? Because we are future focused.

That means building a Belizean economy where new ideas can be turned into opportunity. We want young people to build the future of Belize through hard work and ingenuity, not move abroad to build some other country. We must therefore bring more innovation so that Belize can thrive in the 21st century and where entrepreneurship is not only encouraged but supported. It means protecting our environment because sustainability is not separate from prosperity, it is the foundation upon which it is built. It means embracing technology, expanding skills training, and ensuring that no Belizean is left behind as the world moves forward. It also means renewing our party.

My friends, the strength of the PUP has always come from you — from the faithful who organize, who mobilize, and who defend our principles. There are some who use misinformation and fear as a weapon to divide us. This is not new, they tried to vilify Mr. Price when he was moving us towards independence. They tried to lock up former leaders like Said Musa and the late Ralph Fonseca, they did not prevail. And they will not prevail in their desire to try and divide us with their campaign of fear; because we in the PUP are not afraid, we are future focused and we will not be distracted from our commitment to build a Belize that works for everyone.

PUP!

I am proud of what we have achieved together over the past decade. But I am even more excited about what lies ahead. Moving forward, we must create space for new leaders, and new ideas, while staying true to our enduring values of social, economic and environmental justice, national unity, and service. The work before us is to transform progress into lasting prosperity, to turn opportunity into achievement for more Belizeans, and we must make Belize a nation where every child can imagine a bigger future than the one before.

My friends, history has shown that when the PUP leads with vision and compassion, Belize advances. Today, let us recommit ourselves to that mission. Let us carry forward the dreams started by those who were the architects of our peaceful, constructive, progressive revolution. Let us not stand still, but move boldly toward tomorrow. At seventy-five years, our party remains young in spirit, strong in purpose, and ready for what comes next. The message to the country is clear: we the members of the People's United Party honor our past, we deliver in the present, and we are building the future. We are future focused.

Long live the People's United Party! ¡Que Viva Belice!

Thank you, God bless you, and may God bless Belize.

PUP! PUP!





# THE BOLEDO HYPOCRISY

## Shyne Exposes Tracy

Shyne Barrow, in a recent interview, chimed in on the answers to the following topic questions. Was Tracy Panton, the Minister of State in Economic Development, involved in granting the Brad's Gaming Group Ltd.? Was this the same as the Brads Gaming Company Limited that previously had the company in 2010 to 2020? Panton was responsible for the Gaming Control Board in 2019 at the application for a new 10 years and given her defense of the renewal pointed to direct involvement in granting the license to this new Brads.

Shyne alluded to his father's ignorance of the matter. Was Prime Minister Barrow aware that another new company was being granted this license? PM Barrow did present it to the House in June 2020 smack in the middle of the Covid pandemic.

Did PM Barrow know of any involvement of his son Anwar Barrow in the Brads group(s)? Perception is

powerful and the money trail is even more powerful. Many would remember Hon. Julius Espat's fact revealing presentation of multiple companies that pointed in both directions to groups that the PM's son was involved with. Anwar Barrow was BTL's Executive Chairman circa 2014 and was classified as the eyes and ear of his father so what are the odds of PM Barrow's full knowledge of more than they have cared to expose.

When the License was revoked in 2023, guess who was the lawyer crying foul for Brads? During the 2020 reassessment of the Boledo license another Brads-based company emerged the beneficiary of the management of Bole-do for another ten years. The fine print

was transparent under an e-microscope and they subsequently were found in breach. Attorney and father Dean Barrow bluffed.

The point of all the above is that Tracy Panton was mute about all this. As with her sidekick Faber there are no confessions/revelations on UDP wrongdoings on any of the UDP corrupt deals especially close to the 2020 elections. They were at the table and had to have nodded to the flow. Tracy, in general, does not deny but does not reveal anything. She wants the public to accept her as a leader and be blind to her being compromised directly or indirectly with the past Barrow administration.

"This is only Round one," barked Tracy Panton at the last January BTL peacefully violent attempt

at a clueless protest. Tracy has still not offered a shred of an iota of an educated scientific reason why the BTL-SMART merger is secret and tainted. How can something be secret but you have enough information to break your bond agreement to peacefully protest? Obviously, she and the Yellow goon were ONLY procuring political relevancy. Tracy would do anything to gain some of the dying power Shyne Barrow flexes while out to pasture himself. Tracy is a Barrow disciple. There is no denying that even as she summons the roster countlessly.

The obvious is that both Shyne and Tracy would love to politically out the other but it is a gamble both shy away from. So as the UDP leftovers continue to rot, the PUP is rolling out NHI, basking in low unemployment and led a people with an economy that is still growing as the hub of the region.

LETTER  
TO THE  
Editor



### 10 Years - Eyes on Present and Future

Dear Editor,

As a 25-year-old member of the Belize Youth Movement, the youth arm of the People's United Party, I view our politics not only through the lens of history, but with our eyes set firmly on the present and the future.

I was encouraged listening to Prime Minister John Briceño reflect on the difficult 2008 convention, the divisions that followed, and his decision at the time to step aside in the interest of unity. His acknowledgment of Francis Fonseca's leadership during that period, and the later efforts in 2016 to bring together key figures within the party, speaks to an important lesson for my generation: unity is not automatic—it is built.

Since 2018, the party's electoral successes have come, as he rightly said, from working for the people. That is what matters most to young Belizeans. We care about opportunity, education, entrepreneurship, and environmental protection, and most importantly, the future. The commitment to getting more children into schools, building a resilient economy, supporting local entrepreneurs, and initiatives like the million-tree planting program show a focus on long-term national development.

The Prime Minister has indicated he is reconsidering earlier comments about stepping aside, focusing instead on the legacy he hopes to leave—making Belize better and brighter for future generations. As youth, that is what we measure leadership by: impact, compassion, and progress.

Our responsibility now is to stay engaged, hold leaders accountable, and continue building a stable, forward-looking Belize for the next generation.

Sincerely,  
Proud Belizean Youth



## WHAT WE DO WEDNESDAY

NEXT WEEK: CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES (CPS)  
Every child deserves to grow up safe, protected,  
and supported.

Next week on What We Do Wednesday, we take a closer look at Child Protection Services (CPS)— the frontline unit of the Department of Human Services responsible for responding to reports of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation across Belize.

Learn about:

- How cases are investigated
  - How children are protected
  - How families are supported
  - How communities can report concerns
- Protecting children is everyone's responsibility.

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# Ministry of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management 21 Fire Personnel Honoured



The Ministry of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management proudly honoured twenty-one (21) dedicated members of the National Fire Service (NFS) with Long Service Awards in recognition of their outstanding commitment and service to the people of Belize on Friday, February 13, 2026.

The awardees were recognized for completing ten (10), fifteen (15), twenty (20), and twenty-five (25) years of service, consistently going above and beyond in the execution of their duties.

Among those honoured were:

- Seven (7) Firefighters recognized for 10 years of service.
- Three (3) officers recognized for 15 years of service, including two Radio-Telephone Operators and one Finance Officer III.
- Four (4) Leading Firefighters recognized for 20 years of service.
- Seven (7) senior personnel recognized for 25 years of service, including a Radio-Telephone Operator, Leading Firefighters, Station Officers, a Substation Officer, and an Assistant Fire Chief.

The awards were presented by Hon. Henry Charles Usher, Minister of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management; Mr. Rolando

Zetina, the Ministry's Chief Executive Officer; and Fire Chief Colin Gillett.

In his remarks, Hon. Henry Charles Usher commended the awardees for their courage, discipline, and unwavering dedication to protecting lives and property across the country. He noted that firefighting is not merely a profession, but a calling, one that demands sacrifice, resilience, and an unshakeable commitment to public safety.

Fire Chief Colin Gillett also acknowledged the families of the awardees, recognizing the vital support they provide behind the scenes. The ceremony formed part of the Ministry's ongoing efforts to celebrate excellence within the public service.

Following the ceremony, the Minister and CEO toured the new National Fire Service Headquarters in Belize City, inspecting the state-of-the-art facility and meeting with officers and staff, reaffirming the Government's commitment to strengthening institutional capacity and improving working conditions for fire personnel nationwide.

The Ministry congratulates all twenty-one awardees and thanks them for their years of distinguished service to Belize. (release)

## NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS Host Belize: Kigali Implementation Plan *Phase-Down of Hydrofluorocarbons*

The Department of the Environment, through the National Ozone Unit, hosted national stakeholder meetings on February 11-12, 2026, as part of the preparation of Belize's Kigali Implementation Plan (KIP), under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

The meetings brought together refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) stakeholders, including refrigerant and equipment importers, distributors, technicians, training institutions, and representatives from the commercial and mobile air-conditioning sectors. The objective of the meetings was to verify Belize's hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) consumption data, strengthen awareness of the Kigali Amendment, and gather practical, sector-specific input to inform Belize's national HFC phase-down strategy.

Under the Kigali Amendment, Belize is required to gradually reduce the use of HFCs, which are greenhouse gases used in refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment. Belize's first target is a 10% reduction in HFC use by 2029, based on its established baseline. The Kigali Implementation Plan will serve as the national roadmap to achieve this target in a structured and sustainable manner.

Participants were also briefed on Belize's Compulsory Energy Labelling and Performance Standards for Refrigerating Appliances and Air Conditioners (Belize Standard Specification Order 2025), which support the HFC phase-down by promoting energy-efficient technologies.

The development of Belize's Kigali Implementation Plan is a significant step toward strengthening the country's climate commitments while ensuring a smooth, economically viable transition for the RAC sector. Through collaboration with stakeholders, Belize is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance technical capacity, and promote a more sustainable, energy-efficient future.

The consultations are supported by regional and international partners, including the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, with technical contributions from Montreal Protocol experts and regional industry representatives. (release)

# THE THRILL OF BOLEDO IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE!

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# PlanBelize in Port Loyola 300 FAMILIES GAIN LAND



**February 18, 2026** - Three hundred residents of Port Loyola are now first-time landowners after receiving their land titles during a distribution ceremony today, marking a significant milestone for families who have waited years — and in some cases decades — for legal ownership.

The allocation was evenly divided, with 150 recipients receiving property within Belize City and another 150 obtaining titles for parcels in nearby villages. The initiative forms part of the government's broader push to expand land access and empower Belizeans through property ownership.

Area Representative for Port Loyola, Gilroy Usher, described the distribution as transformative for his constituents.

*"Today, we are going to enable at least 300 residents of the Port Loyola division to become first-time landowners. And that is a tremendous achievement because, for many years, people have longed for the opportunity to own a piece of the jewel to build their homes, build their farms, and use the land as collateral to improve their families in terms of housing, education, healthcare, and so on."*

The newly titled properties are located across several areas, including Arlington Drive, Faber's Road Extension, and Pen Road Extension within the division, as well as Sandhill, 8 Mile, John Smith Road, and Ladyville.

According to Usher, the property once formed part of the estate of a Mr. Woods and was acquired by the government in 1998. After identifying and surveying the area, his office prioritized individuals who had already been living on the land.

*"Most of the persons who have received land in Faber's Road and Pen Road Extension are persons who have been settling on those lands, some of them for decades when it was high bush," Usher explained. "In getting it surveyed, I gave the people who have structures there, who are living there, the opportunity to apply for those places first."*

Minister of Tourism, Youth, and Sports Hon. Anthony Mahler also addressed the broader implications of land ownership for national development. He pointed to ongoing discussions surrounding the development of the Port of Belize and how infrastructure growth, coupled with expanded land ownership, can transform Belize City.

*"The main one being the Port of Belize. There's clarity on where we want to go. We are working on the ESIA. We have had good discussions with credible, huge partners to develop the port. And that is going to transform Belize City, transform this entire area."*

He added, "If you look at the people who have wealth, the vast majority of them own huge tracts of land, and that gives them a base to be able to leverage, to go to the banks to get money, and to attract other business investments in their land areas."

Hon. Mahler further argued that expanding access to house lots could significantly impact national growth. *"If we give a thousand, a hundred thousand Belizeans their own house lot, which will make a mark in the development of our nation."*

For the 300 Port Loyola residents who walked away with official documents in hand, the day represents more than paperwork — it signals stability, opportunity, and a foundation upon which future generations can build.

Special guests for the delivery of the land documents included Councilor Dorian Usher, Senator Collet Montejo, and keynote speaker Minister of Tourism, Diaspora Relations, Youth, and Sports Anthony Mahler.



## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

### PROJECT COORDINATOR – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Program  
**Process ID:** BL-L1038-P00111  
**Duration:** One (1) year  
**Duty Station:** Ministry of the Public Service, Training and Development Unit, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)  
**Deadline:** March 16, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the "Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPem) Program" being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the contractual services of a "Project Coordinator" who will support the Ministry of the Public Service for Component 1.4 of the Project.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Application and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-project-coordinator-under-strengthening-public-expenditure-management-spem-program-individual-consultant-bl-11038-p00111-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN:  
Procurement Specialist  
Ministry of Finance  
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan  
Tel: 501-822-4106  
[procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz)



Ref: "Project Coordinator - SPem- [Applicant's Name]"



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

### TECHNICAL OFFICER – BELIZE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-MFEDI - CEU-522972-CS-INDV  
**Duration:** Twenty-Four (24) Months  
**Duty Station:** Belize Solid Waste Management Authority (BSWaMA), Belmopan,  
**Deadline:** March 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the "Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project", being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the contractual services of a "Technical Officer" - Belize Solid Waste Management Authority.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Expression of Interest and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-technical-officer-individual-consultant-bz-mfedi-ceu-523003-cs-indv-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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Ref: Individual Consultancy – "Technical Officer– Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project– [Applicant's Name]."



# NHI in Cayo

## Historic Final Stage Achieves Nationwide Coverage



**February 19, 2026** - Belize's health-care system reached a historic milestone today as the National Health Insurance of Belize (NHI) completed its full nationwide rollout, extending primary healthcare coverage to 100 percent of the population for the first time.

The expansion brings essential services—including doctor consultations, laboratory testing, imaging, and prescription medicines—to rural communities and the remaining underserved areas of the Cayo District. With the signing of new contracts with healthcare providers on February 19, 2026, more than 80,000 additional Belizeans are now able to register under the scheme.

The NHI was first introduced during the first term of former Prime Minister Said Musa, beginning as a pilot program in Belize City 25 years ago. Since then, the program has steadily expanded, currently enrolling approximately 214,000 Belizeans prior to this final phase. Officials report that the scheme has contributed to measurable reductions in out-of-pocket medical expenses and improved health outcomes among beneficiaries.

The final rollout follows the introduction of the National Health Insurance Authority Bill 2026 in the House of Representatives on February 6th by Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño. He described the legislation as *"the single most significant transformation of our nation's health care system in our generation,"* underscoring the government's commitment to delivering universal, single-payer healthcare.

The expansion to San Pedro, Caye Caulker, and the entire Belize District had already pushed coverage to 80 percent of the population. With the addition of clinics across the Cayo District, universal access has now been achieved through a mixed model that incorporates public, private, and non-governmental healthcare providers.

Earlier this month, the People's

United Party (PUP) National Party Council adopted Resolution 2026-03, formally endorsing and commending what it described as the historic final stage of universal primary health coverage. The resolution applauded the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health and Wellness, and government officials for advancing the legislation and securing the fiscal resources needed to complete the rollout.

The council also highlighted the real-life impact of the program, referencing testimony shared by the Prime Minister of a constituent whose monthly cost for managing hypertension and diabetes dropped from \$600 to under \$50 under NHI—more than a 90 percent reduction. These savings are not only financial relief but also the restoration of hope for working families.

In its resolution, the PUP reaffirmed its founding principle, first championed by the late Rt Honourable George Cadle Price, that healthcare is a fundamental human right. The (Party) council pledged full support from party representatives nationwide to assist residents with enrolment and ensure accurate information is disseminated.

Today's contract signings mark what is dubbed a watershed moment in Belize's social development. With universal primary healthcare now a reality, government officials say the focus will shift toward strengthening service delivery and maintaining sustainability.

For thousands of families across Belize, the nationwide rollout represents more than policy—it signals a new chapter in access, affordability, and equity in healthcare.



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize

Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)

Loan No.: 9347 BE

Project ID No.: PI72592

Assignment Title: Matching Grant Technician

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-516079-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The GOB intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing towards hiring one (1) experienced and qualified consultant as Matching Grant Technician. The **Matching Grant Technician** will support the Matching Grant Coordinator in providing oversight over the CRESAP matching grants mechanism. Assistance will involve monitoring and verifying that all matching grants under CRESAP are consistent with the requirements of the Matching Grants Operations Manual (MGOM) and that technical services are being provided to support matching grant beneficiaries in implementing their CSA Investments. He/she will also provide support in having updated and timely report to the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and New Growth Industries and the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), including to the Matching Grants Approval Committee (MGAC).

The GOB through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit a suitable qualified **PROJECT STAFF- Matching Grant Technician**.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to [procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org](mailto:procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org).

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

### Minimum Mandatory Requirements \*(Required)

#### Qualifications

- Minimum of an associate's degree in agriculture, natural resource management and conservation, environmental science, agriculture economics, or equivalent qualification related to the assignment. (max 20 points)

#### General Experience

- Three years' working experience in public or private sector performing tasks related to managing of projects (max 20 points)

\*If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process\*

### Additional Requirements (Desirable)

#### Specific Experience

- Experience in the development of investment proposals and business plans (10 points)
- Experience in Climate Smart Agriculture practices (10 points)
- Experience in technical assistance services in the agriculture sector (10 points)
- Familiarity with digital platforms or tools such as GPS, data collection survey instruments or other digital tools (20 points)
- Excellent command of both the English and Spanish language (5 points)
- Experience in Project management (5 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **March 6, 2026** at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund

Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant

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# GOB Launch Digital Literacy Training to Citizens Initiative

On February 13, 2026, the Government of Belize, through the Ministry of E-Governance, in partnership with the University of Belize (UB) and with support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), officially soft-launched the Digital Literacy Training to Citizens initiative. This program represents a significant step in advancing digital inclusion, strengthening cybersecurity awareness, and ensuring that all Belizeans, regardless of age, background, or location, have the skills needed to navigate an increasingly digital world.

During the launch ceremony, speakers emphasized the urgent need to improve digital literacy and broaden inclusion across every sector of Belizean society. They highlighted that, as government services and national systems evolve, it is essential not only to modernize technology, but also to equip individuals with the knowledge and confidence to use digital tools safely and effectively.

Dr. Vincent Palacio, President of the University of Belize, spoke to the importance of collaboration in this effort. He underscored UB’s commitment to tailored training approaches designed to reach Belize’s diverse demographics. Dr. Palacio highlighted the innovative Digital Buddies program, an initiative in which UB students will bring training directly to rural villages and their own communities, helping citizens learn through peer support and community-based teaching.

Mr. Jose Urbina, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of E-Governance, emphasized the value of unity in this national transformation. He noted that the partnership between the Ministry of E-Governance, UB, and IDB has created a meaningful opportunity to uplift citizens by strengthening their digital skills. This initiative is aligned with the vision of connecting people to the E-Governance Academy and National ID platform. He reminded attendees that, at the heart of digital transformation, the people remain the priority: **“All people.”**

Mr. Tremett Perriott, Change Management Manager in the Minis-



try of E- Governance, highlighted the importance of reaching Belizeans in all corners of the country. He reiterated that Belize’s internal development is a collective responsibility, one that impacts families, communities, and future generations. He stressed that Belizeans are not just recipients of change but active contributors to national progress: *“We are a part of this change, and together we will make this program work for our country.”*

All speakers echoed a shared message: in today’s rapidly evolving technological landscape, knowing how to manoeuvre online is essential. Adaptation is key. Growth is necessary. And working together to build digital strength is how Belize moves forward.

Key Benefits of the Digital Literacy Training Initiative include:

- **Increased Digital Inclusion:** Training designed to reach citizens of all ages, backgrounds, and regions, including rural communities through UB’s Digital Buddies model.
- **Cybersecurity Awareness:** Education on safe browsing practices, recognizing phishing attempts, and protecting personal information online.
- **Confidence Building:** Hands-on learning that empowers citizens to comfortably navigate government digital services and essential online platforms.
- **Community-Based Learning:** Leveraging UB students as local trainers to ensure sustainability, cultural relevance, and ongoing community support.

This initiative supports the Government’s commitment to promoting digital readiness, strengthening social inclusion, and ensuring that every Belizean has the tools to thrive in the digital era. Through collaboration, training, and community engagement, Belize continues to advance toward a more connected and digitally empowered society.(release)

**S** Improve access to refractive Services

**P** Build capacity of Personnel to provide refractive services

**E** Improve...

The Ministry of Health and Wellness, together with Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), the Belize Council for the Visually Impaired (BCVI), and the OneSight Essilor-Luxottica Foundation, has collaborated to bring the WHO SPECS 2030 Initiative to Belize.

This global effort, launched in 2024, aims to help countries increase the number of people who can afford and access the right spectacles by 40%. With today’s arrival in Belize, the initiative will help to enhance the work of eyeglasses professionals and organizations, ensuring that every Belizean, regardless of income or location, can see well enough to learn, work, and reach their full potential.



# PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY NATIONAL PARTY COUNCIL

BELMOPAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL | FEBRUARY 18, 2026



## Ceremonial NPC Kickoff



Party Leader  
PM John Briceño



Deputy Leader  
DPM Cordel Hyde



Party Chairman  
Hon. Henry Usher



Marshalls as Flag Bearers



Compri School Band  
& Majorettes



National Anthem rendition by  
Chelsy Castro (BYM SP)

## Tree Planting on Campus

Students  
Ashlynn Martinez, Nazley Gonzalez,  
& Sasha Alvarado



## Other Highlights



Host,  
Hon. Oscar Mira  
(Belmopan)

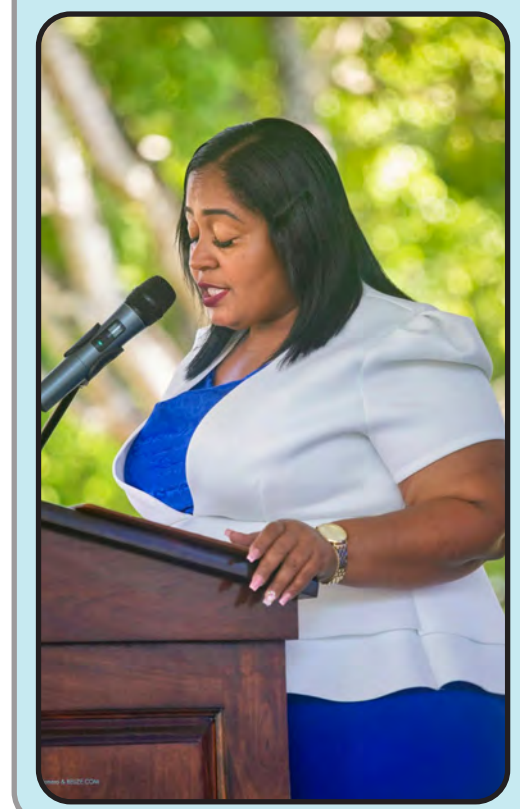


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Narda Garcia



DAVCO President Rosy Chan,  
UWG President Carla Bradley BYM  
President Malcolm Nunez

## Party Resolutions Presented



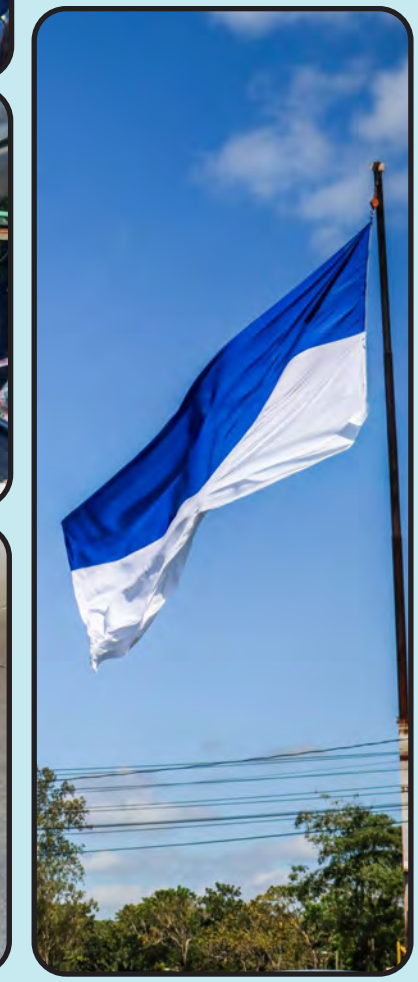
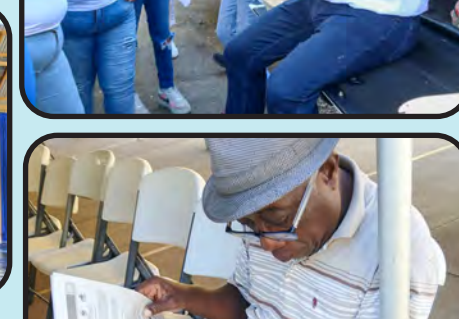
Hipolita Medina,  
Career Teacher



Ashlynn Martinez  
Student



Aaron Mai  
SISE Councillor



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**Resilient Bold Belize**  
GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project  
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: SAFEGUARDS AND GENDER OFFICER**

**Duty Station:** Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of Safeguards and Gender Officer under the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems while promoting nature-based livelihoods and inclusive, people-centred conservation planning. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

**Position Summary**

Under the supervision of the GEF Project Manager, the Safeguards and Gender Officer will lead the implementation and monitoring of the project's Gender Action Plan (GAP), Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). The Officer will ensure that gender equality, social inclusion, and environmental and social safeguards are fully integrated across all project components and that community engagement is conducted in an inclusive, equitable, and culturally sensitive manner.

**Key Responsibilities**

- Lead implementation of the Gender Action Plan (GAP) and ensure gender mainstreaming across project activities
- Oversee compliance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)
- Coordinate inclusive stakeholder consultations, including engagement with Indigenous and local communities
- Establish and manage the project's Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)
- Develop safeguard instruments (e.g., ESMPs, IPPs, LRPs) as required
- Support reporting, monitoring, and capacity building on safeguards and gender integration

**Qualifications & Experience**

- Bachelor's degree in Gender Studies, Social Sciences, Sustainable Development, or related field (advanced degree desirable).
- Minimum 3 years' experience in gender mainstreaming, social safeguards, and community engagement in Belize/Caribbean.
- Knowledge of safeguard frameworks, gender integration standards, and participatory planning.

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by e-mailing: [rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz](mailto:rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz) with the subject line "Safeguards and Gender TOR." Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, March 6th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the CV and during the interview process.



**Resilient Bold Belize**  
GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project  
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: MONITORING AND EVALUATION OFFICER**

**Duty Station:** Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of **Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management (MEK) Officer** under the **Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project**, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems and promotes nature-based livelihoods through a Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) initiative led by BBFP. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

**Position Summary**

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, the MEK Officer will lead the implementation of the project's Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management systems. The Officer will ensure effective tracking of results, compliance with Government of Belize and WWF-GEF reporting requirements, and evidence-based adaptive management. The role includes maintaining the project Results Framework, overseeing work plan tracking, supporting Project Progress Reports, and strengthening partner monitoring systems across all project components.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Implement and oversee the project's M&E Plan, Results Framework, and work plan tracking
- Monitor and analyse project performance data to support reporting and decision-making
- Support preparation of semi-annual and annual Project Progress Reports
- Conduct field verification visits and strengthen partner monitoring systems
- Design and manage a centralized M&E database
- Facilitate project learning, annual reviews, and knowledge products

**Qualifications & Experience:**

- Bachelor's degree in environmental science, Natural Resource Management, Program Evaluation, Statistics, Economics, or related field (Master's degree an asset).
- Minimum three (3) years' experience in M&E for donor-funded projects (e.g., GEF, UN, IDB, WB, CDB).
- Proven experience designing and implementing Results-Based Management (RBM) systems, indicators, baselines, and targets.
- Proficiency in statistical/analytical software (e.g., R, SPSS, Stata) and database tools (e.g., Excel, Smartsheet).

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by e-mailing: [rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz](mailto:rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz) with the subject line "M&E Officer TOR." Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.

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# NOTICE

## Request for Prequalification (RFPQ)

### Utility-Scale Solar PV Projects in Belize (80 MW)

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), in partnership with the Government of Belize (GoB) through the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics (MPUEL), and with advisory support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), invites qualified private-sector developers to participate in a Request for Prequalification (RFPQ) for landmark utility-scale solar PV projects in Belize.

To deliver this initiative, the GoB has engaged the IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, acting through its Advisory Services division, as lead transaction advisor. The Project is being structured under the globally recognized Scaling Solar initiative, which promotes an open, competitive, and transparent procurement process to accelerate the deployment of privately owned utility-scale solar projects.

## Procurement Process

The RFPQ represents the first stage of a competitive bidding process. Its purpose is to prequalify developers with the technical experience, financial capacity, and delivery capability required to implement large-scale solar PV projects within an accelerated timeframe. Only prequalified bidders will be invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) stage.



**International Finance Corporation**  
WORLD BANK GROUP

## Project Overview

**Total Capacity:**  
Up to 80 MW of grid-connected utility-scale solar PV

**Sites:**  
3 to 4 locations across Belize

**Commercial Structure:**  
Independent Power Producer (IPP) model

**Role of the Private Sector:**  
Design, finance, construct, own, operate, and maintain the solar PV facilities

## Objectives of the Project

This strategic investment is a cornerstone of Belize's energy transition and is intended to:



Increase renewable energy generation to support Belize's target of 75% renewable electricity by 2030



Reduce foreign exchange outflows associated with electricity imports



Strengthen national energy security and system reliability

### Access to RFPQ

The full RFQ document, including eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and timelines, is available at:

[www.bel.com.bz/Tenders](http://www.bel.com.bz/Tenders)

Belize is open for clean energy investment. Qualified developers are encouraged to participate in this transformative project that will shape the country's sustainable energy future.



The National Country Brand is on its Way



February 11, 2026 — The Belize Country Brand Committee, supported by the Country Brand Communications Coordination Unit (CCU), is excited to share that final preparations are actively underway for the launch of the Belize Country Brand.

The Belize Country Brand is a unified national identity designed to strengthen how Belize is presented and understood, both internationally and at home. It supports a shared story of who we are, what we stand for, and what Belize offers across national priorities.

The Country Brand represents more than a logo or a campaign, and the Committee remains focused on ensuring the Country Brand is rolled out with clarity, consistency, and strong national ownership. This will allow Belizeans to confidently recognize it, use it correctly where appropriate, and feel proud of what it represents.

The Country Brand is intended to:

- Elevate Belize’s global reputation and credibility
- Strengthen investment attraction, export development, tourism, and cultural promotion
- Align institutions under a shared national narrative
- Build pride, ownership, and correct adoption across the country

At the heart of the visual identity is a powerful mosaic-inspired design system, symbolizing the many cultures, communities, landscapes, and stories that come together to form one Belize. The Committee is emphasizing consistent “mosaic” language in communications to reinforce recognition and meaning.

The Belize Country Brand Committee encourages the public to look out for official announcements as launch activities approach. More details will be shared through authorized channels as rollout milestones are confirmed. (release)



REQUEST FOR BID  
(GOODS)  
ACQUISITION OF GOODS:  
FIELD GEAR AND PPE EQUIPMENT

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-MFEDI - CEU-529614-GO-RFQ  
**Deadline:** March 16, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the World Bank for the Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project, being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds for the purchase of **Field Gear and PPE Equipment** (hereinafter called “Goods”).

| No.   | Goods                       | Quantity                          |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lot 1 | WQM Field Equipment         | Available in the bidding document |
| Lot 2 | WQM Field Equipment (misc.) | Available in the bidding document |
| Lot 3 | Lab Equipment               | Available in the bidding document |
| Lot 4 | Reagents & Standards        | Available in the bidding document |

Bidders may submit a bid for **One Lot or for All Lots**. Each bid must include every item within the selected lot to be considered responsive.

The Ministry of Finance invites bidders to access the complete bidding document at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit bids in accordance with the instructions provided in the bidding document.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

DATA ANALYST

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-CEU-460804-CS-INDV  
**Duration:** Eighteen (18) Months  
**Duty Station:** Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute, Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation – Belize City, Belize  
**Deadline:** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project” being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to engage the contractual services of a **“Data Analyst” for the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute**.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <http://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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Ref: Individual Consultancy – “Data Analyst” – Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project– [Applicant’s Name].



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS  
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIC ANALYST  
&  
BLUE ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Duration:** Twelve (12) Months  
**Duty Station:** Blue Economy Unit, Belize City (In Office)  
**Deadline:** March 3, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize received loan financing from the World Bank and grant financing from the PROBLUE Multi-donor trust funds, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) for the Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project, a five-year initiative being implemented by the CEU in the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to engage the following contractual services within the Blue Economy Unit of the Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation:

1. Environmental Economic Analyst
2. Blue Economy Development Officer

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of the Request for Application and Terms of Reference (TOR) for both positions at <http://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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The Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs, through the Department of Human Services (DHS), officially commenced its annual *Court Access Training* with an Opening Ceremony held on February 18, 2026, at Senses Resort in Caye Caulker.

The ceremony brought together senior government officials, members of the judiciary, and development partners to underscore the importance of strengthening collaboration between social workers and the courts in safeguarding Belize's children.

Delivering welcome remarks was Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez, Minister of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs, who emphasized the Ministry's commitment to ensuring that Children Services Officers are equipped with the knowledge and confidence necessary to navigate judicial processes effectively. Remarks were also delivered by Hon. MME. Justice Antoinette Moore, Justice of the High Court of Belize and Chair of the Policy and Legislative Committee; Ms. Enkhnasan Nasan-Ulzii, Social Policy Specialist and UNICEF Head of Office-Belize; Hon. Anthony Sylvester, SC, Attorney General of Belize; and Mrs. Ganesha Smith, Director, Community Rehabilitation Department.

The two-day training is conducted under the theme "*Capacity Building and Sensitization for Child Protection Social Workers: Court Access and Judicial Practice.*" A total of 57 children services officers, supervisors, and designated Community Rehabilitation Department (CRD) Officers are participating. The overall purpose of the training is to strengthen the competence, confidence, and consistency of DHS and CRD officers in preparing court documentation, participating in judicial proceedings, and applying relevant legislation in child protection matters.

Sessions over the two days include:

- Review of relevant child protection legislation
- Types of court applications and variation of orders
- Arraignment and bail hearings
- Preparation of Social Inquiry Reports (SIRs) and affidavits
- Appeals and Stay of Execution applications.

# Ministry of Human Development Strengthens Child Protection Services

• Peer review exercises and practical documentation workshops

Facilitators include the Director of the Belize Family Court, Mrs. Shanti Morrison, and Ms. Deborah Rogers, the Chief Magistrate, reflecting the strong interagency collaboration that underpins this initiative.

The Ministry extends sincere appreciation to UNICEF Belize for its financial support in making this training possible. Through its continued partnership with the Government of Belize, UNICEF has played a vital role

in strengthening the professional capacity of frontline social workers and advancing the national child protection agenda.

The Court Access Training forms part of DHS's annual professional development programme and aligns with ongoing legislative reforms, including sensitization around the Families Bill. The training has expanded significantly over the years, demonstrating the growing demand for strengthened court-related competencies among social workers. By the end of the training tomorrow, participants are expected to demonstrate

improved preparation and presentation of court documents, increased confidence in giving evidence, and enhanced collaboration with judicial partners, contributing to improved protection outcomes for children across Belize.

The Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs reaffirms its commitment to investing in the professional development of its officers and to strengthening Belize's child protection system through strategic partnerships with the judiciary and development partners. (release)

## TUBERCULOSIS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### Is my child at RISK?

TB spreads through prolonged, close contact. Casual contact poses low risk. Contact tracing is underway, and parents will be contacted directly if screening is needed.



### Are schools OPEN?

Yes.



Public health protocols, including monitoring and screening where necessary, are in place.

### What SYMPTOMS should I watch for?



**COUGH**  
Lasting more than two weeks



**FEVER**



**FATIGUE**



**WEIGHT LOSS**



**NIGHT SWEATS**

Seek medical care if symptoms persist.



### Is TB treatable?

Yes.

TB is treatable and curable. Affected students have started treatment and are responding well.

### Should my child stay home?

No,

unless your child is sick or advised otherwise by health officials. The health and safety of students, staff, and families remain our top priority.

### How can families help prevent illness?



WEAR MASK



WASH HANDS



AVOID CROWD



SEE DOCTOR



### Where can testing be done?

Free TB screening, testing, and treatment are available at all public health facilities nationwide. Contact your nearest healthcare provider or call MOHW

Toll-free: 0-800-MOH-CARE  
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# Tourism Keeps Growing - Belize Keeps Moving Forward

Good news hardly makes the headlines. It's just the nature of mainstream media. If it bleeds, it leads. But, amid all the noise, the constant growth across Belize's economic landscape is a remarkable story, and one that is hard to ignore.

If there is one particular sector that bears this out, it is the tourism industry. In 2026, based on early reports, Belize's tourism industry is projecting a record-breaking year, continuing the momentum from a strong close to 2025.

Indeed, December 2025 registered close to 62,000 overnight visitors to Belize, which represents a growth of 4.6 percent over the same month in 2024, and indicating a strong start to 2026. In terms of the annual trend and what it represents for the overall economy, the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) reported that, from an economic standpoint, the most encouraging benchmark remains the comparison to 2019 (pre-COVID). In that context, 2024 overnight stays exceeded 2019 by 8.8%, rising from 503,166 in 2019 to 547,370 in 2024. Even more impressively, 2025 outperformed 2019 by 9.6%, underscoring that Belize has effectively surpassed its pre-pandemic ceiling and entered a new growth phase for overnight tourism.

On the cruise side, the growth is also remarkably strong, with 157,337 arrivals in December, 2025, representing an increase of 21 percent over the same month in 2024 (December). In this regard, the BTB notes that the overall figures for cruise tourism in 2025 had reached 967,214 passenger arrivals, reflecting an 8.1% increase over 2024 (894,405), and that this is especially noteworthy as it signals that Belize's cruise sector is not only recovering, but also re-entering a growth trajectory supported by stronger port calls, improved destination demand, and expanding cruise itineraries.

All this, bear in mind, is also in the context of the grim predictions by the pessimists a year or so ago that the global mood particularly in North

America and local challenges like Sargassum would definitely inflict a devastating blow to Belize's tourism industry.

This nevertheless stubborn, remarkable growth, we hasten to add, has not been automatic. It is largely the result of unfazed focus, planning and execution by our tourism experts and stakeholders throughout Belize's public and private sectors.

The man at the helm is, of course, Anthony Mahler, Belize's Minister of Tourism, and it goes without saying that he and his dedicated team would not be able to accomplish what they have without the trust and confidence Prime Minister John Briceño has placed in him.

No wonder, this past week, even a former Leader of the Opposition could not help describing Anthony Mahler as the best minister of tourism ever.

But the success story is not complete, not by any stretch of the imagination. In fact, further projections now are that growth will exponentially accelerate in Belize's cruise sector with new docking

facilities expected to come into operations around 2029, allowing larger, modern vessels to dock directly, not requiring tendering, as expounded by Minister Mahler himself.

*"The main one being the Port of Belize. There's clarity on where we want to go. We're working on the ESIA (Environmental and Social Impact Assessment). We have had good discussions with credible, huge partners to develop the port,"* Minister Mahler shared.

This clarity and certainty is, of course, greatly aided by the fact that the Government of Belize now owns the Port of Belize.

And, while success itself is never guaranteed and there will always be unanticipated, new challenges (external and domestic), we are fairly confident that, with the steady leadership by this government and the resilience and innovation of the Belizean people, our economy will keep rebounding and surging to new heights, and our nation and people will triumph.

## BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES  
*Trial Farm, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District*

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following properties. Sales currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

1. Parcel No. 673 Mahogany Street, Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District:



| Registration Section                     | Block | Parcel |
|------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Trial Farm                               | 4     | 673    |
| The Freehold property of Ms. Carmi Puck. |       |        |

2. Parcel No. 1344 San Francisco Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:



| Registration Section                        | Block | Parcel |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Orange Walk Town                            | 4     | 1344   |
| The freehold property of Ms. Ginnel Ozaeta. |       |        |

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KEVIN A. CASTILLO TELEPHONE 223-4488  
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Facebook: Belize Auctions

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: CATAMARAN & VEHICLES  
*Chuck and Robbie's Dock, Beach Front, Boca Del Rio, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; Vehicles - Belize City, Belize*

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following catamaran and vehicles. Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the date and time listed on the website until this catamaran and vehicles are sold.

45FT' FIBERGLASS CATAMARAN



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Facebook: Belize Auctions



VACANCY NOTICE  
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR I  
High Court of Belize

Salary / Pay Scale: Pay scale 19 - \$36,554 x 1511 - \$65,263.00 per annum

The Senior Courts of Belize invites applications for the post of Network Administrator I. This position supports the modernization of the Judiciary by developing and managing secure, reliable network infrastructure across all judicial districts, including VPNs, firewalls, and judiciary-wide IT phone systems.

Key Responsibilities (Summary):

- Manage and update the Judiciary’s website.
- Plan and coordinate installation of in-house and remote network hardware/software across the organization.
- Design and implement strategic plans to ensure network capacity meets current and future requirements.
- Develop and maintain policies, procedures, and training for network administration and appropriate use.
- Test and monitor network performance; produce statistics and reports.
- Ensure optimal operation of routers, switches, hubs, UPSs, standby generators, and related network equipment.
- Maintain effectiveness of security solutions (firewalls, anti-virus, intrusion detection/prevention) and monitor security threats.
- Research and recommend network products, services, protocols, and standards; support procurement and development.
- Assist with vendor/contractor negotiations to secure network products and services.
- Administer network equipment and upgrades; define and document network infrastructure and configurations.
- Establish backup/restore strategy and tested recovery plans; implement redundancy planning.
- Maintain asset inventory and documentation; establish service level agreements with end users.
- Support 24/7 availability of critical IT infrastructure and applications.

Qualifications:

- Essential: Bachelor’s degree in computer science / information technology (or related field) with five (5) years’ experience supporting computer networks; OR Bachelor’s Degree and at least two (2) appropriate certifications (e.g., CCNA, Security+) with minimum seven (7) years’ experience supporting computer networks.
- Desirable: Bachelor’s degree in computer science / information technology (or closely related field) with seven (7) years’ experience supporting computer networks; AND at least two (2) appropriate certifications (e.g., CCNA, Security+).

Experience (Preferred):

- Installation of microcomputer hardware/software; configuration and administration of local and wide area networks.
- Four (4) years’ experience installing microcomputer hardware/software and administering
- LAN/WAN, including two (2) years implementing IT projects.
- Managing and configuring enterprise-wide LANs, WANs, VPNs, and related technologies.
- Supervisory capability is an asset.

Key Competencies / Skills:

- Strong knowledge of legacy and current innovations in information systems; network and PC operating systems.
- Hands-on installation/troubleshooting of servers, routers, bridges, switches, hubs, modems, and NICs.
- Knowledge of networking topologies; protocols/standards (ISO); security deployment/administration; server applications.
- Structured network cabling/patching experience; ability to research networking issues/products; knowledge of VOIP technologies.
- Strong leadership and personnel management skills; excellent written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Highly self-motivated, detail-oriented, analytical and solution-focused; strong customer service orientation; able to prioritize under pressure; collaborative team worker.

How to Apply:

All applications must be submitted by email and addressed to the following emails:

[DPatterson@registry.gov.bz](mailto:DPatterson@registry.gov.bz)    [dpatterson@belizejudiciary.org](mailto:dpatterson@belizejudiciary.org)  
[KBrooks@registry.gov.bz](mailto:KBrooks@registry.gov.bz)    [kbrooks@belizejudiciary.org](mailto:kbrooks@belizejudiciary.org)

Deadline for Submission: 28 February 2026  
Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Belize - Taiwan  
DRM Cooperation with Project  
Signing Ceremony

February 16, 2026 - The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, in partnership with the Republic of China (Taiwan), officially launched the Belize Multi-Hazard Risk Management Capacity Building Project, valued at US\$1,807,797, following a signing ceremony held at the Ministry’s Green Complex Building. The occasion marked a significant milestone in bilateral cooperation, reinforcing Belize’s national capacity to anticipate, prepare for, and effectively respond to climate- related and natural disasters.



The ceremony featured opening remarks from Hon. Orlando Habet and remarks from H.E. Ambassador Lily Li Wen Hsu of the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), underscoring the shared commitment to resilience, sustainable development, and disaster risk reduction.

The project, funded primarily by the Government of Taiwan with co-financing from the Government of Belize, focused on enhancing inter-ministerial coordination, expanding multi-hazard early warning systems, strengthening resilient communities, and introducing advanced wildfire monitoring technologies. Through institutional strengthening, technical system development, and capacity building, the initiative was designed to reinforce Belize’s disaster risk management and emergency response framework over the 2026– 2029 period.

The signing reaffirmed the strong partnership between Belize and Taiwan, as well as their joint commitment to safeguarding communities, protecting natural resources, and building long-term national resilience in the face of increasing climate and disaster risks. (release)

Belize - Taiwan  
More Bilateral Cooperation in  
Agro-Processing Sector

Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries, and H.E. Lily Li-Wen Hsu, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Belize, signed the Implementation Arrangement for the “Belize Agricultural Product Processing Innovation and Incubation Project” on February 9, 2026. The project spans four years and six months, with a budget of approximately US\$4.15 million.



The project is a forward-looking initiative aimed at strengthening agricultural value addition and supporting micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the country. Belize stands as the only country in Central America with a surplus of high-quality agricultural produce. According to the Ministry of Agriculture’s statistics, the agricultural output value of Belize grew by 17% between 2019 and 2023. In addition, agricultural products account for nearly 40% of Belize’s total export value. Despite these strengths, local farmers have long struggled with limited processing technology and marketing expertise. This has resulted in significant waste and economic loss, as unsold fresh produce expires.

The project’s main goal is to establish an Agro-Processing Incubation Center at Central Farm, Cayo, which will introduce innovative technologies, provide entrepreneur training, and improve links between production and markets. By applying Taiwan’s advanced agro-processing technologies and an incubation model, this project also aims to strengthen agricultural value addition by training and mentoring 200 small-scale farmers to enter the agro-processing start-up sector and assist in the design and manufacture of processed goods to extend shelf life and command higher market prices. The project is expected to boost the income and economic stability of local farming communities in Belize.

Taiwan continues to be a longstanding development partner of Belize, extending technical cooperation and support across key sectors, including agriculture and economic development. It is expected that this project will advance entrepreneurship and lay a strong foundation for the modernization of Belize’s agriculture sector. (release)



# National Bus Company Gearing Up Consultations, Information, Legislation, Ticketing, Commuter Satisfaction

## Hon. Louis Zabaneh: "Our Driving Motor is the commuters"

February 16 – Belize transport Board has presented to the media in an effort to manage their inevitable slant in spite of all efforts. Commuter satisfaction should be the PRIMARY reason for all moves—not media, not Bus owner profits, not proper legislation, not ticketing system nor Transport board estimations. Of course, all the above list is important but ALL the meeting should begin and include the commuter satisfaction. At this time, the bus owners still have the Belizean commuters and the public desirous of local tourism impatiently waiting. The people waited an entire term and the bus owners STILL did not deliver buses. Kudos to this iteration of the Ministry that seemingly is walking on eggshells to satisfy the bus owners and media.

Most commuters though would say: write the legislation and have the bus owners follow. There was been ENOUGH consultation. What do we do when a perpetrator kidnaps a person and keeps him hostage? The ministry has voice knowledge that commuters are tired of the old bus; the commuter who experience this fatigue can definitely feel like a hostage.

Hon. Zabaneh was right that the planBelize government should have the commuters first which he followed with the bus owners. The bus owners though should have that same level of priority for commuters. Prices should lower as fuel prices lower. Electricity should be the same. For fuel, prices were raised along with high fuel prices a couple years ago but as it lowers the bus companies take it as profit.

Every day a bus company/owner continues to keep moving derelict vehicles on the roads it is an attack on the commuter and their health. Commuters of Belize are a patient group and that is a strength for the nation but they should be respected not taken advantage of. Consider how the UDP put up a show of violence at BTL but somehow allow the bus owners to take advantage of the people.

The Government of Belize, invested in the Ministry of Transport, has September 2026 as the date of the procurement of buses under the National Bus Company umbrella. This is called a bold move and would have been bolder had it happened before. To meet the buses in modernization, terminal buildings need to begin ASAP. There are signs at the old bus terminals teasing the public with the need to buy a ticket before you enter the bus. The fact that these signs are just slapped on to the wall or a post are indicative of the outdated mentality as to ticketing.

A good bet is that Hon. Zabaneh has an AI-based advanced ticketing system. Without this level of accountability any initiative can be destroyed. Having no accountable ticket system has been the virus that has plagued this industry and its stymied its contribution to national taxation and owner profit margins. How can the government or owner know the exact revenue without receipts? AI or any computer system facilitates transparency.

Note for comparison: when government digitalizes services like Birth certificates, one of the reasons is to be efficient and not waste workers productive time when they leave work and spend a day travelling or/and standing in a line. The same can be said for some buses that go less than a reasonable speed in order to get more passengers including standees. Deliberately slowing down buses, other than by 'sleeping policemen' for safety and pedestrians, robs the people of their productive or family time.

The commuters of Belize are marking their calendars and will await more bus owners jumping on board(if this is possible). Commuters and local tourists should speak up using any medium they can find like social media, messaging their representatives and, even emails or Whatsapp-type direct messages. What the commuters should know is that the government is always careful to look out for the welfare of all—even for the bus owners who in large part came on board via UDP channels after 2008.

The fact is that the commuters make the majority and they are the workers of the country. Doing good for the commuters is job-creating and job-maintaining policy. Doing good for the commuters is nation building par excellence.



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)/ DATA SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-CEU-460804-CS-INDV  
**Duration:** Eighteen (18) Months  
**Duty Station:** Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute, Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation, Belize City, Belize  
**Deadline:** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the "Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project" being implemented by the Ministry of Finance."

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the contractual services of a "IT/Data Systems Technician" for the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Expression of Interest and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <http://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN:  
Sr. Procurement Specialist  
Ministry of Finance  
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan  
[procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz)



**Ref: Individual Consultancy – "Information Technology (IT)/Data Systems Technician" – Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project– [Applicant's Name].**



### INVITATION TO BID

**Institution:** MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

**Tender:** SUPPLY OF GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY-MASS SPECTROMETRY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment (DOE) within the Ministry of Sustainable Development Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites qualified and reputable companies to submit proposals for the **supply and delivery of GCMS laboratory equipment and accessories.**

**Bidding Details:**  
The full bidding document, which includes detailed specifications of the required equipment and instructions for the submission process, can be obtained by sending a request to:

- Email:** [procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz)
- CC:** [UrbinaSS@qobmail.gov.bz](mailto:UrbinaSS@qobmail.gov.bz)

Deadline for Submission: February 20th, 2026, 10:00 AM

Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. The Ministry reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without obligation or explanation.



**BTB in Miami  
Wooing the Cruise Lines  
Strengthening Strategic  
Partnerships and  
Deepening Collaboration**



On February 11, 2026, the Minister of Tourism, Youth, Sports and Diaspora Relations, Hon. Anthony Mahler, participated in high-level meetings in Miami, Florida, with senior representatives from Royal Caribbean Group, Carnival Cruise Line, and the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA). The discussions focused on strengthening strategic partnerships and deepening collaboration to support the continued growth and sustainability of Belize's tourism and cruise industry.



Accompanying the Minister were the Director of Tourism, Mr. Evan Tillett, and the Director of Cruise & Capacity Development, Mr. Lloyd Enriquez, who engaged in productive dialogue on cruise capacity, destination development, and ways to enhance the overall visitor experience. These meetings reaffirm Belize's commitment to working closely with its cruise partners to expand opportunities, drive economic benefits, and ensure long-term success for the country's tourism sector. (BTB post)

The consistency here is the success at the BTB by Minister Mahler. Has he sat since 2020? Minister Mahler has led the Tourism industry to success in making Belize a world-class destination and the place to be. His team is as resilient as their leader. The country benefits when tourism booms. Of course, in Minister Mahler's book there is lots more to do—modernizing the international airport while adding another one, direct Europe travel, longer overnight stays and more.



# VACANCY NOTICES

Vacancy exist for a Electrician Technician at J & Y Cement Block Factory in Belize City. Visit # 122 Mahogany Street Ext., Belize City, Belize for more information.

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Vacancy exist for a Customer Electronics Repair Technician at Kim's Fonto Shop located at # 7386 Antelope Street Ext., Belize City. Visit location for more information.

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CULTURE AND HISTORY CONGRATULATIONS ON APPOINTMENT! NEW PRESIDENT ALBERT VAUGHAN

On February 9, the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) announced the appointment of Mr. Albert Vaughan as President of the Institute.

The former Belize City Administrator and Councillor, Mr. Vaughan brings extensive experience in leadership, cultural advocacy, and public service. We congratulate Mr. Vaughan on his appointment as this marks a renewed commitment by NICH to strengthening the management, promotion, and safeguarding of Belize's vibrant cultural and historical heritage. Albert Vaughan will bring his penchant for success and stability to the NICH. Belize surely will benefit.

NICH looks forward to Mr. Vaughan's stewardship as it continues to advance its mandate in collaboration with the people of Belize.

# NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

*Port of Belize Limited Shareholders are hereby advised to update their personal information:*

### REQUIRED INFORMATION:

➤ An active email address

➤ Active phone number

➤ Home address

➤ **Belizean Shareholder must provide:**

**Copy of a valid Social Security Card**

➤ **Foreign Shareholder:**

**Must provide a copy of a valid passport**

**Deadline for submission:**

**February 28, 2026**

*Documents may be delivered to the Port of Belize Limited during regular working hours, or emailed to Corporate Secretary*

**Email: [corporatesecretary@portofbelize.com](mailto:corporatesecretary@portofbelize.com)**

501-223-2439 or 501- 280-2439

Port of Belize Limited

Caesar Ridge Road

Belize City, Belize

January 29, 2026



# EULOGY JOSE LUIS GUERRA

Jose Luis Guerra a.k.a “El Matador” was a Christmas gift to his mom and dad, Valentina Guerra and Simon Tzul, born on December 25, 1970. From his early days, he loved animals and the outdoors. Jose was not one to shy away from any challenge. He was the brave one in the set. For Sunday dinner, he was quick to kill and clean the chicken. He was always up and about with his dad, learning from him and emulating much of what he did. When his dad died, that was a blow to him.

This did not hinder him. He kept pressing on.

He soon met and subsequently married his wife Rosalba on July 29th, 1999. This union bore a number of children, namely, Rebecca, Jeira, Shaneli, Jose, Jr., Daniel, Kevin, Joe, Jose 11, and Alexander.

In the words of his daughter Rebecca, “The Great Matador was a courageous man who fought to the very end against the cancer which took him away from us. We never saw it coming because he was the strongest man I knew in my life who would never give up but neither can we judge God’s plans for our lives. All we can do is remember all the wonderful moments we shared together. He was not perfect in reality none of us are, but trust me when I tell you that Jose Guerra changed a lot just for his family who he dearly loved.”

His attitude changed tremendously that's the reason he was loved by many. His grandkids loved him and his ‘nene’ Rebecca loved him endlessly. He loved his little princess Leiliani Guerra, that little girl was everything to him. When he came home on his motorcycle, she would say "grandpa what did you bring for me." A day wouldn't pass without him asking for her.

We all know he is in a better place, no more suffering, no more pain, but finally resting in peace. I've known him since forever and he was always a PUP supporter; he wouldn't miss a rally. He had all of his household in first row to vote, what's funny is that he painted his motorcycle blue and white and had his daughter paint his helmet the same. Just last year for general elections, he took his blue cycle and led the tour when the Prime Minister came to visit Cayo Central. On election day with he led the parade to the voting area. I remember he had his horn all the way, that day he came to our rooms at 5 a.m. to wake us up. That is how you know he was a general. He was a true soldier of the revolution. He was a PUP to the bone.

May his soul rest in peace and rise in Glory. A big thank you to My uncle Rigoberto Tzul, Calixtro Guerra, Mr. Daniel Silva, Mr. Collet Montejo, Junior Montejo, Hon. Alex Balona and the best Doctor ever Dr Jeff Cho. The family appreciates everything you did and assistance given during this difficult time.”

El Matador will long be remembered. He was one of a kind. Rest in Peace Comrade. Till we meet again.



## VACANCY NOTICE CYBERSECURITY SPECIALIST High Court of Belize

Salary: Pay Scale 21 - \$39,821 x 1718 - \$72,463.00 per annum

The Cybersecurity Specialist is responsible for developing, implementing and managing security measures to safeguard the Senior Courts of Belize’s digital infrastructure, information systems and sensitive data. The role is critical to identifying threats, responding to incidents, ensuring compliance with applicable standards and maintaining confidentiality, integrity and availability of court information systems.

**Responsibilities:**

- Monitor networks and systems for security breaches, suspicious activity and anomalies.
- Investigate and respond to cybersecurity incidents, performing root cause analysis and forensic reporting.
- Develop and enforce security policies, procedures and best practices.
- Install, configure and maintain firewalls, antivirus software and intrusion detection systems (IDS).
- Conduct regular vulnerability assessments, risk analyses and penetration tests.
- Manage user access controls, encryption protocols, and secure data backups.
- Provide cybersecurity awareness training and simulations for court staff and stakeholders.
- Collaborate with the IT team to secure cloud services, case management platforms, and digital courtrooms.
- Ensure system compliance with the Data Protection Act and international standards (e.g., ISO 27001,NIST).
- Document security breaches and recommend improvements to enhance overall security posture.
- Stay current with emerging threats, technologies, and industry trends.

**Qualifications:**

**Education & Certification:**

- Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science, Information Security, Cybersecurity or related field.
- Industry certifications such as CISSP, CEH, CompTIA Security+, CISM or GIAC are highly desirable.

**Experience:**

- Minimum of three (3) years in cybersecurity, IT security administration, or a related role.
- Demonstrated experience in handling cyber incidents and risk mitigation.

**Technical Skills:**

- Proficiency in security tools (e.g., SIEM, firewalls, IDS/IPS, antivirus).
- Familiarity with Microsoft 365 security features, Windows Server environments, and cloud platforms.
- Knowledge of networking, encryption, and security protocols (e.g., SSL, VPN, TCP/IP).
- Understanding of regulatory and compliance frameworks (e.g., GDPR, ISO).

**Core Competencies:**

- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- High attention to detail and organization skills.
- Ability to work under pressure and handle incidents swiftly and professionally.
- Effective communication and training skills.
- Integrity, confidentiality, and sound judgement.

**How to Apply:**

All applications must be submitted by email and addressed to the following emails:

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[KBrooks@registry.gov.bz](mailto:KBrooks@registry.gov.bz) [kbrooks@belizejudiciary.org](mailto:kbrooks@belizejudiciary.org)

**Deadline for Submission: 28 February 2026.**

**Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.**





## Monkey River Gets Much-Needed Assistance

Dear Editor,

I am eighty-eight years old, a lifelong resident of Monkey River, and I asked my daughter from the city to help me pen this letter. In my lifetime, I have seen many promises come and go. But today, I am witnessing real assistance reaching even small communities like ours. For years, we felt forgotten cut off by poor roads, limited services, and little attention. Now, we are seeing improvements that make daily life easier and safer for our families and especially for us, elderly residents. It is encouraging to know that Monkey River is not alone. The rest of the country is benefiting as well. From our rural communities, villages to towns, Belizeans are seeing progress in ways that matter—better access, better services, and more opportunities for young people. At my age, I often think about the future my grandchildren will inherit. Development is not just about concrete and steel; it is about dignity, access, and hope. When roads are improved, when clean water flows, when lights shine brighter, and when families can access housing and education, it changes lives. I pray that this growth across the country continues. May we see continued infrastructure development: roads and paving, potable water, electricity, housing, agricultural development, free education, and more across Belize. From an old man in Monkey River, I say thank you—and may progress continue for all.

Sincerely,  
Proud Belizean

## New Ambassador to the UN Office in Geneva

Belmopan, February 16, 2026.

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño has appointed Dr. Harold A. Young as the new Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations Office in Geneva. Ambassador Young presented his credentials today to H.E. Tatiana Valovaya, Director General of the UN Office in Geneva.

Dr. Young has held various positions in academia, both in Belize and abroad. Most recently, he was an Associate Professor for Political Science and Public Management at Austin Peay State University and Advisor to the Department of History at the University of Belize.

Dr. Young was awarded a doctorate in Public Law (PhD) from Georgia State University in 2016. His dissertation focused on the role of extraterritorial courts, drawing on the experience of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Dr. Young is also a published author, writing on topics ranging from history to law to politics. Ambassador Young will also be nominated for accreditation to the World Trade Organization.

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### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**Institution:** Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, & Solid Waste Management - Government of Belize.

**Tender:** Consultancy to Update the National Environmental Guidelines for Overwater Structures for Belize (2010)

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable Consultants to submit proposals for the review and update of the National Environmental Guidelines for Overwater Structures. (2010)

**This Consultancy is for a period of six (6) months from the official start date.**

**The General Objective of this Consultancy is:**

- i. To strengthen the existing 2010 guidelines in addressing current and projected environmental risks and developing pressures on the marine environment
- ii. To harmonize and align the guidelines with updated national strategies, policies, plans and legislation, regional frameworks and international best practices including those environmental conventions such as UNCLOS, CBD, MARPOL, Ramsar, etc.
- iii. To integrate climate resilience measures, marine biodiversity conservation principles, pollution prevention and waste management control standards and technological innovations and sustainable building practices.
- iv. To strengthen the monitoring, compliance and enforcement framework with measurable indicators.
- v. To improve the clarity, accesibility, and practical application of the document for regulators, developers and communities.

**Scope of Work**

The consultancy will undertake a comprehensive assesment, including but not limited:

- i. Review and assesment
- ii. Stakeholder engagement
- iii. Technical Integration
- iv. Monitoring Compliance and Enforcement
- v. Guidelines Development and Validation

For the full Term of Reference, which lists required Qualifications, deliverable Timeline, and Submission Procedures, Kindly request via email at [procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz) with a copy to [procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz) and [ciaunit@envirnment.gov.bz](mailto:ciaunit@envirnment.gov.bz)

**Deadline for Submission: February 27th, 2026 10:00am**



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

**Belize**  
**Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)**

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| <b>Loan No.:</b>         | <b>9347 BE</b>                                             |
| <b>Project ID No.:</b>   | <b>P172592</b>                                             |
| <b>Assignment Title:</b> | <b>Environmental Officer for Department of Environment</b> |
| <b>Reference No.</b>     | <b>(as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-519241-CS-INDV</b>    |

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The GOB intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing towards hiring an experienced and qualified consultant as **Environmental Officer for Department of Environment** to provide technical support to the Department of the Environment (DOE) in conducting environmental screenings of Moderate-Risk Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) investment applications submitted by potential beneficiary farmers under the CRESAP project. The consultant will work closely with the CRESAP Environmental & Social Safeguard Specialist and the Matching Grant Coordinator and will be supervised by the Environmental Officer of the DOE acting as the Head of Unit of the Project Evaluation/EIA Unit.

The GOB through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Enterprise has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **(1) Environmental Officer for Department of Environment**.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to [procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org](mailto:procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org).

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

**Minimum Mandatory Requirements \*(Required)**

**Qualifications**

- Associate Degree in natural sciences, (biology or chemistry or other closely related field), environmental science, agriculture, natural resource management, or any other field related to the assignment (20 points).

**General Experience**

- Two (2) years of relevant professional experience in the environmental field, for example, reviewing environmental and social risk assessments and applications and proposals for environmental and social aspects. (20 points)

**\*If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process\***

**Additional Requirements (Desirable)**

**Specific Experience**

- Experience in environmental and social risk management work in agriculture development projects and knowledge of Climate Smart Agriculture practices. (15 points)
- Experience in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Limited Level Environmental Study (LLES) processes and in developing associated environmental and social monitoring plans and business plans. (30 points)
- Familiarity with the DOE requirements and knowledge and experience preferably with World Bank Environmental and Social Framework and instruments, or with similar standards and policies from other multilateral development institutions. (15 points)

**Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.**

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **February 27, 2026** at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

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## PUP @75 Exhibit Closes

The People's United Party (PUP) has officially closed its nationwide 75th-anniversary celebrations, marking months of reflection, education, and renewed commitment to service under the theme "Serving the People, Continuing the Revolution."

Founded in 1950 by the People's Committee, which was led by the Rt Hon. George Cadle Price and fellow nationalists, the PUP became the principal political force behind Belize's journey to self-government and eventual independence in 1981. Seventy-five years later, the party marked the milestone not simply with a ceremony but with a traveling exhibition that brought its history directly to communities across the country.

The anniversary was officially launched on September 27, 2025, in Orange Walk Town. From there, the exhibition traveled to Corozal, San Ignacio, Belmopan, Dangriga, Punta Gorda, Belize City, and finally San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, where the showcase concluded at the former House of Culture on Angel Coral Street earlier this month.

The exhibit featured archival photographs, historic speeches, campaign memorabilia, and personal stories chronicling the party's development from the anti-colonial struggle to modern governance. Visitors were guided through defining chapters of nation-building, with special focus on citizen-centered leadership, social justice, and economic opportunity.

This final leg of the tour opened in San Pedro Town on February 9th with a formal ceremony. Mayor Gualberto "Wally" Nuñez delivered welcome remarks, describing the PUP as a defining force in shaping Belize's democratic and social foundations.

"Born out of the aspirations of the Belizean people, the party emerged as a powerful voice for self-determination, social justice, and national unity during a critical period of our history," Nuñez said. He noted that the exhibit explores the origins, evolution, and overall impact of the PUP over the past 75 years.

Area Representative Honourable Andre Perez highlighted the revolutionary spirit that established democratic governance in Belize. "The next goal for the

*PUP on the Cayes is housing and land access to our people,"* Perez said. "We need to ensure that the younger generation obtains a piece of land where they can build their home." He added that infrastructure improvements will continue across the country, reinforcing the party's commitment to development.

PUP Secretary General Collet Montejo thanked supporters and organizers for making the nationwide exhibit possible. The National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) played a key role in organizing and coordinating the traveling display, ensuring that each district had an opportunity to engage with the party's history.

Inside the exhibit, displays portrayed key moments from Price's leadership, including the campaign for independence and expanded civil rights throughout Belize, including the Cayes. For many younger attendees, it was a first-hand introduction to the struggles and victories that shaped the nation.

Prime Minister John Briceño has previously described the PUP's legacy as one rooted in service rather than power, noting that Price demonstrated how faith-driven leadership and love for country can transform history. That philosophy, party leaders say, continues to guide its mission of building a just, peaceful, and proud Belize.

Beyond historical reflection, the exhibition created space for dialogue about democracy, participation, and national development. Discussions at each stop centered on the role of citizens in shaping policies that affect education, healthcare, land access, and economic opportunity.

Following the San Pedro ceremony, a ribbon-cutting officially opened the exhibition to the public from February 10th through 20th. Residents, students, and long-time supporters toured the displays, reconnecting with Belize's political roots and reflecting on the road ahead.

As we close our 75th anniversary observances, the message remains consistent: the revolution did not end with independence. It continues wherever Belizeans commit themselves to unity, service, and the belief that progress is collective.

## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **George Ferguson/Cashema Ferguson** are applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at "**Bamboo Swing Bar**" located at 9 1/2 Miles Old Northern Highway, Boston Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sean Grant** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at "**Pour House**" located on North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Julia M. Welch** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at "**Julie's Refreshments**" located at # 6488 Jasmine Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Import & Goods Limited** is applying for a **Publican General Liquor License** to be operated at "**Cork & Bottle**" located at # 2 Mapp Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Feliciano Cartagena** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at "**Armenia Shop**" located on Green Street, Belama Ph IV, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Maria B Menjivar** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at "**3 Stars Cool Spot**" located in Ranchito Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Maria Whittaker** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at "**M.D.M. Restaurant**" located in White Cocal Area, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Pedro Arzu** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at "**La Roca Cool Spot**" located in Patchakan Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juan Carlos Jose Menzies** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at "**El Comal Restaurant**" located on 7th Ave., Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Angela Monteroso** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at "**Marisqueria Pisces**" located in Altamira, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Inesita I. Cobb** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at "**Nessies Cool Spot**" located in Copper Bank Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Weiliang Huang** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at "**Corozal Chinese Restaurant**" located on 7th Ave., Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Margarita Sho** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at "**Gloria Mini Shop**" located in Libertad Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Norberta N. Briceno** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at "**Tienda Ky-lie**" located in Paraiso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ines M. Vivas** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at "**Nayeli's Mini Mart**" located in Consejo Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Grisel Botes** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at "**D Yaad House Restaurant**" located in Libertad Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rosani A. Avilez** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at "**The Hiddenite Spot**" located in San Narciso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Orlando Iglesias** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at "**Orlando's Patio Lounge**" located on Portsaul Road, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guadalupe Martinez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at "**La Poderosa Cool Spot**" located in San Narciso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Denis Manzanarez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at "**Mr. Taco Restaurant & Bar**" located on 3rd Street South, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Edwardo Chan** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at "**Spicy Lips**" located in San Narciso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eiden L. Reyes/Jose L. Reyes** are applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at "**Seyer 4 Store**" located in San Chunox Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marvin Herrera** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at "**El Rincon Del Sabor**" located in Calcutta Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juan Qui-nocte** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at "**Johnny's Shop**" located in Xaibe Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Luis Ortiz** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at "**Matthew's Roadside Gems**" located in St. Matthews Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.



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